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NOTES FROM THE LEGISLATURE

By H. H. WHITELEY

The prospect of the railroads securing an increase in their passenger earnings at this season has gone glimmering according to present indications, and this legislation, which has been considered the most important to come before us this session will go over either for the consideration of the next legislature, or for a special session a year from now. This will come about through no desire on our part to avoid meeting the responsibility, but because in the limits of the present session, it will be impossible to secure the information which is needed for us to act intelligently and fairly. The railroads have come before us with a mass of figures and statistics covering a period of years and on them base their claims to an increased passenger rate. These figures must be verified and their correctness ascertained. Undoubtedly the state railroad commission will be asked to make an exhaustive investigation into the figures furnished by the railroads and present the case for the people. The railroad commission declare it will take until January 1, 1916, to make this investigation.

The whole matter nearly came to a head Thursday when a resolution was introduced ordering the investigation, but after a spirited debate, out of deference to the railroad committee, which had not completed its hearings, the resolution was referred to it.

Sheriffs, county clerks, registers of deeds, county treasurers, and county auditors, and county auditors are prohibited from holding more than two consecutive terms under the provisions of a bill introduced by Rep. Newell Smith of Gratiot county.

In order to prevent bird hunters from killing quail and partridges before the opening of the bird season, on the pretext that they are using dogs for the purpose of hunting rabbits, Rep. Ward of Saginaw, put in a bill making a closed season of rabbits from January 1 to October 31st. It is Ward's contention that the game laws are violated by many hunters who go into the woods with dogs before the opening of the bird season and who use the dogs to locate quail and partridge instead of training them on rabbits.

Senator Lee Morford introduced a bill which provides that the work now being carried out by the state game, fish and fishery department, relative to state forest fire prevention work be given over to the public domain commission. This same project has been advocated for several years, inasmuch as the public domain commission carries on all other branches of the work pertaining to the forests of the state and has ample provisions made under existing laws to care for this class of work at a less expense than incurred under the state game warden's department.

In order to protect breeders of foxes Rep. Hopkins of Manistee has introduced a bill which provides a stiff fine for any person breaking into an enclosure where foxes are kept for breeding purposes. The owner of the enclosure is required to display a warning sign visible at a distance of 25 yards, and he is given permission to kill any dog found within 40 rods of the enclosure.

We had before us Wednesday, a bill placing all county officers on a salary and providing that they turn over all their fees to the county. The bill had a referendum attached so that to become operative in any county, it had to be ordered by the people. The bill was strongly opposed by the representatives from the smaller counties and was finally sent back to the committee.

The committee on elections is wrestling with a half dozen bills which seek to improve and change the present primary law. The tendency of the committee is to try to get back to a system which confines an elector to voting a partisan ticket in a primary election.

Village Caucus.
The qualified voters of Grayling will meet in caucus at the court house Thursday night February 25, at 8:00 o'clock standard time for the purpose of nominating village officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before the meeting. Following is the list of officers to be nominated: One president, one assessor, one clerk, one treasurer, three trustees for full term. Village election Monday, March 8. By order of village committee. Dated February 15, 1915.

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Two Lively Basket Ball Games.

Two of the liveliest games of basket ball played here this season were staged last Friday evening at the new gymnasium between the high school and the All City girls and the Cheboygan and Grayling high school boys.

The first game was played between the girls' teams, which were fairly well matched as to size, and was won by the high school girls 12 to 8. In justice to the All City girls we will say that this was their first game and they did well. With some practice they will no doubt make a winning team.

The line-up was as follows:

High school—12. All city—8.
Miss Joseph.....Center.
Miss Nelson.....Forward.
Miss Fischer.....Forward.
Miss Ellsworth.....Guard.
Miss Kelley.....Guard.
Miss Kraus.....Side Center.
Miss Bunting.....Substitute.

Immediately following this game the boys' game was called, and it was soon apparent that this was to be a much closer and more exciting affair, as the two teams were just about evenly matched and their team work was nearly equal. The game was full of exciting thrills from start to finish and those who were present enjoyed the game from beginning to end. It was either side's game almost to the last second of the forty minutes of hard playing, the score being 33 to 30 in favor of the Cheboygan boys. The line-up follows:

Grayling—30. Cheboygan—33.
Milnes.....Center.
Johnson.....Forward.
Karpus.....Forward.
Brown.....Guard.
Sweeney.....Guard.
Grayling subs—Mellstrup, Doherty, Cheboygan subs—Karlwick, Keya, Referees—Gardner and Alexander.

The Cheboygan boys have not lost a game this season, but had a mighty close call Friday evening and should be able to say that the Grayling boys won. The visitors were fine young men and their coach, J. F. Gardner, deserves much credit for the training he has given his team.

The game was attended by a large delegation from Frederic, headed by C. C. Kitchen. After the game an oyster supper was served at the New Russell, which was highly enjoyed by all who participated.

The Frederic and Grayling high school boys and girls will play at the new gymnasium Friday evening and as each team has won a game an exciting time may be looked for.

School Notes.

"Miss Cherry Blossom" tonight.

The modern history class is now studying the French revolution.

The Misses Augusta Kraus, Beatie Failing and Anna Walton were high school visitors last week.

The seniors are finishing the study of U. S. history and will begin the study of civic next Monday.

Miss Beatrice Richardson of Roscommon was a visitor in the high school and eighth grade Monday.

The members of the senior class have been assigned their parts for commencement and they have begun work on their papers.

We had a nice game of basket ball last Friday evening with the Cheboygan boys. Particulars of the game may be found elsewhere in this paper.

Miss Rhea Vedder of the Royal Oak schools visited Miss Loss and Miss Ross Monday and Tuesday. The Royal Oak schools are closed because of scarlet fever.

The pupils of the first and second grades and also the pupils of the South Side school enjoyed a two days' vacation this week while the two furnaces were being repaired.

The botany class are performing numerous experiments on seeds. Some of these are done in the class, while others are done by the members at their homes. Accurate notes are required on all experiments.

This week Friday night our high school boys are to have their third game of basket ball with the Frederic high school boys. Each team has one game to its credit, and it is difficult to tell which team will win the final honors. The Frederic girls are to play our girls a preliminary game.

Clara Nelson and Hardin Sweeney very pleasantly entertained the seniors and several others with a sleigh ride to Mortenson's last Saturday. About 6:30 a delicious supper was served, after which they played games. They left at a late hour and all claim to have had a very pleasant time. Miss Lennan accompanied them as chaperone.

The last number on the entertainment course will be given by the International Operatic company Tuesday evening, March 9. This company consists of five thoroughly trained artists. Their program will include vocal solos, duets, quartettes, piano solos and an operatic production in costume. Lovers of good music will certainly enjoy this number.

MEN'S ANNUAL WASHINGTON BANQUET

The Second Men's Annual Washington Banquet and Program will be held at the Opera House Tuesday evening, March 2, beginning at 7:00 o'clock. The meeting of last year will be remembered with a great deal of pleasure, both from the standpoint of the banquet and the toasts that were offered later.

This meeting bids fair to eclipse our former efforts and will be one that will be remembered for a long time to come. Following is the Menu that will be served:

Menu
Hot Meat Pie Baked Beans Mashed Potatoes
Celery Beans Pickles Cheese
Apple Pie Pumpkin Pie Coffee
Cake Cigars

Following the menu will be offered a program that will be entertaining and highly interesting. This will be in charge of T. W. Hanson, as toastmaster. The program will begin promptly at 8:00 o'clock, and is as follows:

Program

Overture.....Grayling Band
Reel of Pictures.....J. W. Overton
Selection.....Grayling Band
Song, "Good Old Summer Time".....P. J. Zalsman and Companion
Speech, "Our High School".....M. A. Bates
Song.....Aaron Mitchell
Speech, "Civic Improvements".....P. J. Zalsman
Song, "Old Black Joe".....F. S. Hayne
Reading, "The Cremation of Sam Magee".....Aaron Mitchell
Speech, "Church and Community from a Layman's Point of View".....Glen Smith
Selection.....Grayling Band
Song.....Frank Dreese
Speech, "Grayling Board of Trade and Its Work".....T. W. Hanson
Song, "In Old Madrid".....Fred Alexander
Short Address.....Aaron Mitchell
Closing Remarks.....T. W. Hanson
Closing Strain, "America".....Band and all Men Standing
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When P. H. Ling had his gymnastic system ready for the task of life, he was connected with a military academy at Lund, Sweden. Before he left that city for his lifework at Stockholm, the students of the Lund University gave a farewell feast in his honor. He was admired by everyone for his honesty and energy and the young men loved him because he was the first one who tried to turn their thoughts away from injurious idleness into beautiful body exercises. He was the first one since the days of Greece's glory who plainly said "The only beauty is laid in the body sound and harmonious." Oh! what a generation would the next one be if the world would understand that!

The youth who gets control of every limb in the body will also stand better chance of getting the best control of his soul. Physical laziness has been many a young man's enemy. It can not be overcome unless these two words "I will" are put into every action during the day.

Count that day lost
Whose low descending sun
Views from thy hand
No worthy action done.

Says Emerson and I think he is right. Before leaving the hall, when the feast was held in honor of Ling, he paused a minute at the door, looked over the great assembly of young men with his little gray eyes, that shown like Northern lights, and said these two words for farewell: "Sweden's Youth." What did he mean? He meant to give the North back its men. This is what we want in the Ling system and some day it will be understood that we were right—we want

men strong in will and strong in body. That is why we are asking everyone in Grayling to support the work started by that little Danish Young People's society.

We feel that we are working for a good cause which no one should neglect giving a glad hand. Those who do not want to take active part in the work have the opportunity to buy a social membership card, which is \$2.00 a year. For that you will have free admission to the yearly exhibition, which will be in May, and you will be invited once a month to see the class work. Special invitations may be had through the instructor or the directors. You are in that way encouraging your sons and daughters and giving the association a good support.

When Ling was an old man he looked back over the days when all authorities were against him and with raised head said to his rivals: "Stand upon my grave if you can and swear with hand on your heart that it has been beaten warmer for the north than mine."

We mean well by our gymnastics and we know that we are right. If anyone can find one of the exercises in the Ling system injurious to the body and the man, don't be afraid to say it. But, if you think that this work is helping make a better world, then help it along.

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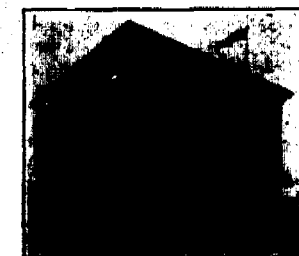
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WOLCOTT FATHERS GUARANTEE BILL

**BANK DEPOSIT GUARANTEE ACT
SIMILAR TO OKLAHOMA'S IS
PROPOSED.**

LIVELY FIGHT IS PROMISED

**Guarantee Fund to Be Maintained By
State Banks Under Supervision
of State Bank Com-
missioner.**

Lansing—A proposal for guarantee of bank deposits, fostered by Rep. L. J. Wolcott of Albion, and backed by the state grange, promises to be one of the real live issues before the present Michigan legislature. Defeated in an attempt to get through a similar measure two years ago, Wolcott is determined to make a serious fight to gain approval for his bill by the 1915 lawmakers.

Wolcott's bill is drafted after laws now in operation in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota. The bill provides that all state banks electing to come under the Michigan guarantee system shall deposit and maintain with the banking commissioner, United States bonds, Michigan state bonds, bonds of any county, township, school district, board of education or city within the state of Michigan, to the amount of \$500 for every \$100,000, or fraction thereof of the bank's average deposits, minus the capital and surplus as shown by the last published statement.

Following the deposit of this initial guarantee fund, which shall be maintained at all times under the supervision of the state banking commissioner, annual assessments of one-twentieth of 1 per cent of the average guaranteed deposits, less capital and surplus, shall be levied in January and July of each year. These assessments shall be continued until the cash fund for the guarantee of deposits shall be approximately \$300,000 over and above cash deposits.

In case of failure of any state bank this fund shall be available to pay off depositors.

According to the report of the state banking commissioner there were, in Michigan, on December 31, 1914, 461 state banks with average deposits of \$429,965,185.70 and a total number of depositors of 1,215,701.

SOCIALISTS OF STATE MEET

**Would Not Take Up Arms Except to
Defend Products of Toil.**

Grand Rapids—At the state convention of the party here Saturday, Michigan Socialists pledged themselves in no case to take up arms in the event of war "between the capitalists of the United States and the capitalists of any other profit-mongering nation."

According to the resolutions, the Socialists refuse to participate in any aggressive attack upon any other nation and assert that only those who "rob us of the products of our toil, who attack us personally or seek to deprive us of our liberty" are to be considered enemies.

The following slate was named: Supreme court justices—James McFarland, Flint, and John Alexander, Kalamazoo; regents of the university—M. V. Breitmeier, Jackson, and Mrs. Anna Lockwood, Kalamazoo; superintendent of public instruction—William G. Witt, Detroit; member state board of education—J. M. Carrier, Petoskey; members state board of agriculture—J. J. Palmer, Traverse City, and George W. Eldridge, Cadillac.

About 100 Socialists from all over Michigan were present.

Michigan Leper Is Dead.

Benton Harbor—Jacob Sears Goldstein, 30, died here Saturday of leprosy, the first death of the disease in Michigan and one of the rarest cases in the United States.

Goldstein has suffered with a virulent form of the disease for 10 years. At the last he was blind and his body frightfully wasted. He came from Russia.

State and national governments refused to care for Goldstein and he was a county charge for some time.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS

Following the testimony of three Hudson men, that they had never signed "wet" petitions which bear what purport to be their signatures, Eugene C. Knapp, of Hudson, who swore that the signatures were bona fide, was bound over to the March term of circuit court for trial on the charge of perjury.

The installation in Muskegon of an automatic telephone system, a duplicate of that used by the Citizens' company in Grand Rapids, was decided Home Telephone Co. Wednesday night. The improvement will cost \$200,000.

Frank E. Lenthacker and John C. Miller, Mr. Clemens, and Joseph Winkie, Lenox, have been named Macomb county jury commissioners by Governor Ferris. The governor has also appointed for St. Clair county, William R. Kemp, St. Clair; Elston Huffman, Yale, and Fred Girlich, Port Huron.

Several prominent residents of Nashville are organizing the Wolverine Windstorm Insurance Co. The organization is the outgrowth of litigation which resulted recently from the annual election held by the Michigan Mutual Windstorm Insurance Co.

State Highway Commissioner F. F. Rodgers, has informed the road commissioners at Port Huron that when the bill appropriating \$400,000 for state roads passes the legislature St. Clair county will be given \$38,000 for two bridges across Pine river, near St. Clair.

MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS

According to a religious census just taken in Grand Rapids 57 per cent of the residents are affiliated with some church.

The president has nominated Chas. A. Lanner to be postmaster at Redford and Chauncey Hummel to be postmaster at Chelsea.

Five foreigners were arrested on the charge of violating the local option law when Flint police raided three boarding houses.

Herman O'Connor, of Holton, was nominated by President Wilson Saturday to be United States marshal for the western district of Michigan.

The Republic Truck Co., of Alma, has an order for 300 motor trucks for the British government. Delivery starts at once and will be completed by December.

In answer to a resolution from the house some time ago, Auditor General O. B. Fuller Monday night reported that in the last six years special commissions had cost the state of Michigan slightly over \$128,000.

Because his wife refused to return to Bellevue and live with him, Albert Martin, a 24-year-old Negro, Sunday night shot and killed her at Kalamazoo. He was arrested early Monday morning and does not deny the shooting.

Frank Carter has been sentenced at Flint to serve 5 to 15 years at Marquette prison for manslaughter in connection with the death of Ralph Sova, two years ago. Herbert Pontford is serving time at Jackson for the same crime.

At a special election at Flint taxpayers voted to bond for sanitary and storm water sewers and for a subway under the P. M. tracks at Leith street. The amount of the bonds for the sewers is \$109,000, and \$50,000 for the subway.

Because members of the house believed a meeting of the American Neutrality league, to have been held in Representative hall Friday evening, would in reality be pro-German, permission to use the auditorium was refused.

Charles Adams was acquitted of manslaughter in the Gratiot county circuit court at Ithaca in connection with the death of David Sullivan, who was found dead at the foot of the stairway leading to Adams' rooms last summer.

Edwin J. Otis, engineer of the Grand Rapids-Muskegon Power Co., was killed by a "dummy" engine after twice escaping death in two weeks. He was struck by a locomotive a fortnight ago and last week picked up a live wire and was badly burned.

Fire started by burglars to hide thefts of clothing caused several thousand dollars damage in J. T. Pierson's department store in Hastings Friday night. Bolts of silk found in the alley led to the discovery that thieves had entered by cutting the glass from a rear door.

A course for high school teachers, play as an educational factor, in connection with instruction in rural community recreation, a summer camp for boys, 14 to 18 years old, and the forestry study are included in M. A. C. plans for the summer session just announced.

The Jackson prison binder twine plant has established a new record, turning out 26,500 pounds of the finished product in a 10-hour run. This is 300 pounds more than ever made before in the same length of time at the prison factory. The amount of twine sold by the prison last year was 7,500,000 pounds.

A special train of 28 cars will bring livestock, household goods and implements of 30 Champaign and Urbana, Ill., farmers to Gratiot county where they have purchased farms. The families of the farmers will arrive in special sleepers. The men sold their farms at Illinois at \$200 to \$300 an acre and purchased Gratiot county property at \$75 to \$100 an acre.

George F. Kenny, former Detroit clubman, released from the county jail at Jackson when a charge of stealing \$1,000 was withdrawn, is at the home of his sister there. Physicians say he cannot live more than six weeks. Kenny insists, however, he has a cure for cancer, with which he is afflicted, and that with the consent of the physician at the state prison, the remedy will be tried on convicts suffering from the disease.

The monthly mortality report of the secretary of state's office gives the number of deaths in the state during January as 3,237, as compared to 5,994 births. The number of births corresponds to an annual death rate of 22.5 per 1,000, estimated population, while the birth rate is 22.5. There were 570 deaths of infants under one year of age, and 1,137 deaths of persons 65 years old and over. There were 161 deaths from tuberculosis of the lungs, 313 from pneumonia and 192 from cancer.

Joseph Elliott Austin, of Gwin, has been reinstated in the United States navy, from which he was dismissed because, as a midshipman, he married without the consent of the navy department.

J. P. Fournier has installed a sugar cane crusher at his mill at Caro and is persuading farmers of Tuscola county to raise sugar cane, for which he will furnish seed. He will manufacture syrup and molasses from the cane, which, it is claimed by experiment, can be profitably grown in Michigan.

Twelve students have enrolled for the first course in aeronautics ever given at the University of Michigan.

Not less than 2,000 persons shook hands with Gov. and Mrs. Ferris Tuesday evening in the executive parlors, the occasion being the biennial reception to the governor. Gov. Ferris still showed the effects of the illness which has beset him to his house for a week, while it was Mrs. Ferris' first public appearance since the first inauguration of her husband as governor two years ago.

FERRIS SENDS IN APPOINTMENTS

**JAMES W. HELME TO SUCCEED
HIMSELF AS DAIRY AND FOOD
INSPECTOR.**

F. N. EAMAN ON PRISON BOARD

**Twenty-Two Nominations Are Sent to
Senate on Thursday by Governor.
—Many Vacancies Are
Filled.**

Lansing—Governor Ferris Thursday sent to the senate the appointment of James W. Helme of Adrian to succeed himself as state dairy and food commissioner, together with 21 other nominations for various state institution boards.

Frank N. Eaman, of Detroit, is named a member of the Jackson prison board of control, to succeed Levi L. Barbour of Detroit, whose term of office expired last Monday.

Judge Harvey Hulbert of Detroit, is made one for a brand new committee of five to manage the new state farm colony for epileptics at Wahjamega, Tuscola county. The other members of the board are Thomas Gordon, Jr., of Howell, Elmer J. Rice of Vassar, Frank Mohr of Bay City and Hal H. Prosser of Flushing. The terms of the first two run to February 1, 1921; those of the second two to February 1, 1919, and that of Prosser to February 1, 1917.

Asa Joy of Plymouth, Wayne county, and David S. Howard, of Pontiac, are named to the board of managers of the Soldiers' home at Grand Rapids.

Ira Carley of Menominee county is made a member of the Marquette prison board of control. W. S. Mills of Ann Arbor is appointed to the osteopathic board. William R. Harper of Midville is made a member of the livestock sanitary commission. Edward Abrams of Houghton is made a member of the state board of health. Earl F. Hilson of Saginaw is made a trustee of the employment school for the blind in his home town.

Norman Flowers, of Jackson, former Detroit and son of Representative Charles Flowers, with John Waltz, of Ann Arbor, and John S. Smith, of Elba, goes on the board of control of the Lapeer school for the feeble-minded.

Chauncey F. Cook, of Hillsdale, and Frank E. Pulte, of Grand Rapids, are named as trustees of the Kalamazoo asylum. Thomas Murphy, of Newberry and Andrew J. Short, of the Soo, are made trustees of the Newberry asylum. S. E. Nelhardt, of South Boardman is made a trustee of the Traverse City asylum.

RECORD VERDICT IS GIVEN

**Millens Granted \$66,666.66 in Michi-
gan Portland Cement Company.**

Ann Arbor—Homer and May Millen, of Washtenaw county, were granted a record verdict of \$66,666.66 in stock in circuit court here Saturday by Judge E. D. Kinne, of Ann Arbor, against Nathan Potter, of Jackson, and the Michigan Portland Cement company after a long litigation. The case is sure to be appealed to the supreme court.

Judge Kinne, in his opinion, declared that he based his verdict in the belief that Millen's life savings were in the cement plant, that when financial storm clouds hung low he turned to Potter for help.

When Potter entered the cement company there was a reorganization, one of several others. Potter became manager of the plant and Millen sales manager. The capital stock was increased to \$500,000, of which \$100,000 was preferred, and a \$100,000 bond issue. Through a series of involved transactions, said the judge, Potter eventually acquired the property for approximately \$40,000. N. and N. S. Potter and Millen were to divide 20,000 shares of common stock between them, it was said.

Artists for May Festival.

Ann Arbor—Secretary Clark of the University School of Music, announces at least three new artists of world fame who will appear in the coming May Festival series of concerts, to be given in Hill Auditorium on May 19, 20, 21 and 22, heading the list with John McCormack, the great Irish tenor. The others to be heard here for the first time are Mme. Ober, the Metropolitan opera star, and Harold Bauer the master pianist.

NEWS TOLD IN BRIEF.

Five firms occupying the Benham blocks at Grand Rapids, suffered considerable losses and the building was badly damaged by fire Thursday. The total damage is estimated at \$55,000.

Mrs. William B. Gorrill, 25 years old, a well known school teacher of Battle Creek, was found dead by her husband, member of a hardware firm here, on his return home Monday. She was overcome by fumes from a leaking gas stove while taking a bath.

Roger Gerrard, of Kalamazoo, will spend the next year in Iowa for defrauding a man who befriended him. Gerrard induced him to endorse worthless checks amounting to nearly \$200.

Three men broke through the ice and were drowned in St. Joseph river, four miles north of Centerville Sunday afternoon. The three men were: Fred S. Wills, a farmer, 34 years old; Bert Phillips, also a farmer, 30 years old, and a foreigner, known only as "John," who was employed by Wills. The men were on a fishing expedition.

REPRESENTS PRESIDENT AT EXPOSITION OPENING



FRANKLIN K. LANE.

San Francisco—All San Francisco was astir by 7 a. m. Saturday and with the greatest outpouring of people in the city's history, to say nothing of breaking all existing noise records, the Panama-Pacific International Exposition was opened.

Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, was the official representative of President Wilson at the ceremonies incident to the exposition opening.

President Wilson himself pressed a button, transmitting an electric current which threw open the main door of Machinery Palace, set the machinery running, and started the "Fountain of Energy" in front of the "Tower of Jewels."

BOYS BEST CORN RAISERS

**Results of Contest of M. A. C. Club
Show Youngsters Get Larger
Yield Than Elders.**

East Lansing—A Flint youngster, R. A. Middleton, has been hailed by the M. A. C. Boys' and Girls' clubs department as the boy who can grow more corn to the acre than any other youth in Michigan. The "corn champion" was picked from among the 3,000 or 4,000 boys and girls who are members of the various state corn and potato growing clubs. His record is a yield of 219 3-4 bushels of cob corn to the acre.

While the Flint boy has won the honors for being able to grow the most corn on an acre plot, a Mosherville youth, Wendell Turner, has won the state title for being able to grow the best quality corn. His score is 55.

Other boys gave the two champions a close run for the prizes. Lester Swaminger, of Ypsilanti, took second place for high yield with a record of 176 bushels to the acre; Carl Lambrath and Edward A. Smith, of Saline, tied for third honors with 160 bushels, and Kenneth Sloan, of Burt, won fifth place with 152 bushels.

In the quality contest Milton Turner, of Mosherville, won second position with a score of 81.5, and Thelma Knight, of Hanover, and Charles Morrice, of Shepardsville, tied for third with 81.

Prize-winners for the complete project work, which included a general summing up of yield, quality, profit on investment and story of their efforts, were: First, Charles Morrice; second, Harold Ray, Albion; third, Grant Winters, of Kewadin.

An interesting feature of the contests is the fact that among the 3,000 or so boys who competed the average yield of corn per acre was 99 bushels, while the average among the grown-up farmers of the state is about 33 bushels. The average yield of potatoes among the boys was 224 bushels, against a state average for grown-ups of about half that figure.

ITEMS OF STATE INTEREST

Rev. T. Augustus Reed, stepfather of Charles Kimbrough, the Negro accused of killing Rose Laundry, eight years old at Saginaw, has issued an appeal to Negroes of the state for contributions to Kimbrough's defense fund. Rev. Mr. Reed declares Kimbrough is being persecuted.

A short-term educational institute, primarily for superintendents, grade principals, critic teachers and other administrative school officers, will be held at Ann Arbor for four days, beginning March 29. Prof. E. L. Thorndike, Columbia university; Prof. L. D. Coffman, University of Illinois, and A. Curtis, author of arithmetic text books, will conduct the institute.

Baptists from various cities of southern Michigan held a midwinter rally in Battle Creek.

James Gordon, a grocer, and his wife, of Homer, narrowly escaped death when their store was destroyed by fire, believed of incendiary origin, at 3 a. m. Monday. The Gordons occupied rooms over the store and their losses include valuable papers and considerable money. Charles Bunnell's clothing store, Schumaker's restaurant and the Baby Barber shop were also destroyed.

Coldwater decided at a special election held Monday, not to change to the commission form of city government. The vote was 594 to 523.

Richard Edmunds, special detective engaged by the police to run down local option violators, pleaded guilty to manslaughter at Flint Wednesday in slaying Albert Beagle while the latter was fleeing from arrest. After sentence Edmunds to serve from 1 to 10 years in Iowa reformatory, the court remarked that Beagle was possibly better off. The recommendation was that he serve one year.

SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

**SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT HAP-
PENINGS IN FAR OFF
NORTHWEST.**

ITEMS FROM THE OLD HOME

**Resume of the Most Important Events
in Sweden, Norway and Denmark—
Of Interest to the Scandinavians
in America.**

SWEDEN.

The Swedish riksdag was opened in the presence of the king, the crown prince, the Princes Wilhelm, Carl, and Eugen, and a magnificent retinue of some of the foremost dignitaries of the kingdom. Having assembled in their respective chambers, they marched in a procession to the castle chapel, where Rev. N. J. Wellander preached a sermon on "The Lord's Blessings." After the close of the service the members of the royal family headed the procession back to the riksdag building, where the king read his speech from the throne in a strong voice. The minister of civil affairs read his report on what had taken place in the kingdom during the past few months, whereupon the speaker of the first chamber in eloquent terms addressed to the throne assured the king that his imperturbable peace policy was backed by the people. The speaker of the second chamber said that the second chamber was greatly pleased with the ceaseless efforts made by the king to maintain the neutrality of the country, and he expressed the hope that the king would succeed in overcoming all difficulties and maintaining peace.

The Petrograd Novoye Vremia accused the Swedish officers in Persia of carrying out a German agitation. To this the Berlin Vossische Zeitung remarks: "The only men in Persia who have ever had succeeded in combating the disturbances in the exposed districts are the Swedish officers, who, at the request of Russia and England, entered the Persian gendarmerie service. But the more systematically they performed their duties the more the Russian Nationalists went gunning for them in their newspapers. It did not suit the Russian 'civilizers' that there should be in their neighborhood a gendarmerie who held a view of their duties entirely different from that held by the Russian gendarmerie, which even in Russia had a poor reputation and whose higher positions are considered good enough for blasted subjects from the fine bodyguard regiments of the czar. And so the Swedish officers of the Persian gendarmerie are shown the honor of being abused by Russia's most corrupt newspaper."

The action of the government in removing the import duty on corn, wheat and rye for the period ending next August may result in permanent free trade for Sweden so far as foodstuffs are concerned. The powerful socialist party, with which the liberals form a legislative majority, has decided to make this its particular fight in the session of parliament just convened, which, says one of the socialist leaders, means the beginning of the end of the protective tariff in Sweden. When Sweden placed a duty on foods, 20 years ago, agriculture was still its main industry. The farmers feared ruin from American wheat and Russian rye. Since then the economic character of the country has completely changed. Sweden's prosperity now depends on its manufacture of wooden and metal ware, matches and other products and the export of timber and iron ore. As the majority of the population depend on these trades, they object to the dwindling band of farmers profiting at their expense. When the war caused the price of foods to rise to exorbitant rates, parliament was forced to suspend the duty on grains. This was done in December.

The net profit of the Swedish riksbank for the year was 17.52 per cent of the capital stock. The gold reserve at the end of the year was \$29,150,000, an increase of more than \$1,500,000 for the year. There was a great run for gold during the last week of July, and the reduction of the gold reserve was \$750,000. But as soon as the bank stopped paying out gold for its notes there was a steady increase. During the entire war the bank furnished ample gold for all industrial and commercial purposes.

The horsekeepers of Malmohus who have sold horses to the army of Sweden have donated \$8,000 to the government, the money to be used for furnishing clothes for the members of the Malmohus landsturm who may be in need of it.

Vilhelm Born, proprietor of Mossberga estate, Hogrum parish, Oland, who was serving at Thorn, West Prussia, as lieutenant of a spy battalion, offered his service at the front near Warsaw, Poland, and distinguished himself by signal bravery. His acts of heroism were not forgotten, and in due time he received the iron cross from Kaiser Wilhelm.

The city of Malmö paid out over \$7,000 as aid to the unemployed during December. The demand was still greater in January.

There was a very large increase of the production of malt drinks during the last quarter of 1914. The amount of malt consumed during the period was 7,110, as against 6,800 tons for the corresponding quarter of 1913. The increase of the tax was about \$50,000.

While a party of sailors from a Swedish warship was attempting to destroy a floating mine near the entrance to Gothenburg harbor, it exploded. Two men were killed and nine injured.

More than seven hundred postal money orders are passing through Sweden every day from Russia to Russian captives in Germany. At Malmö they are all changed into German money in order that this transaction may be done in a neutral country. On some days the number is as high as one thousand. Since this work is done absolutely without remuneration it is easy to see that the financial loss to the Swedish post office department will be considerable in the course of time.

DENMARK.

The Danish authorities have forbidden the steamship, Navaho, to proceed from Esbjerg to Bremen with its cargo of cotton, on account of the prohibition against the exportation of cotton from Denmark.

Expensive fun. The Royal theater in Copenhagen is running behind at the handsome rate of \$135,000 a year, which must come out of the pockets of the taxpayers of the country. There are 135 persons who have nothing to do but dress the performers. A system requiring so many is quite ingenious. There are four distinct kinds of performances: Dramas, operas, ballets, Olaf Paulsen. Now, when a drama is played there are 100 idle persons in the dressing rooms. Each one must attend strictly to his class of performances, no more and no less. It will be seen that at least three-fourths of the 135 are idle all the time. But all of them must have their salaries. The ordinary Dane does not like this kind of reading matter, nor do those 135 servants like to have them read it.

The price of eggs has soared to unheard of prices in Denmark. Eggs of average size and quality cost about 58 cents a dozen. The reasons for this are said to be many. The hens have laid few eggs lately, and last fall the farmers killed an unusual proportion of their hens on account of the high price of feed. No Russian eggs are imported to Denmark, while on the other hand England picks up all the eggs she can lay hold on.

The expenses of the Danish government for the past year exceeded the estimates by more than \$10,000,000. For the present year the deficit is put at \$12,000,000. The extra expenditures are of course due to the war.

The Hugo Stannes steamship company is going to put a new line of boats between Copenhagen by way of the Kaiser Wilhelm canal to Hamburg. A start will be made with three boats, but others may be added if the venture proves profitable.

NORWAY.

The government is expected to get an appropriation of \$7,000 for three portable wireless stations. This is something new in Norway, and it is expected to be of great use during the fishing seasons. The fish often come suddenly, and leave just as suddenly. In no industry is it of greater importance to watch the right moment. There are telephone connections all along the shore of the mainland. But often the fish appear far from the mainland. To keep the country posted on the behavior of the fish out there has been a difficult matter, and better communications would have meant fortunes to many people. When a portable wireless station is ready for action it can easily be taken to any place where there are "fish tokens." To mount it and put it in operation takes only a few minutes, and the people of the mainland can find from hour to hour what the chances are.

An unusual operation was performed upon a girl at the Drammen hospital. The head doctor came to the conclusion that the girl was a "hairreiter," and he further thought that the hair had accumulated in a bunch in her stomach. To ascertain whether he was right or not he gave the girl a dose of magnesium. The action of this was such that the bunch of hair appeared plainly by means of X-rays. The operation was successful, and a roll of hair of the size of a rat was removed from the stomach of the girl. The roll was very hard and had an oblong form. The girl had commenced by pulling single hairs from her head and eating them, and after a while the hair grew so strong that she would eat hair of all kinds whenever and wherever she could get hold of them.

In the course of ten years the wealth of North Bergenhus increased from \$13,500,000 to \$22,000,000. During the same period the incomes increased from \$3,000,000 to almost \$4,000,000.

The match factories are now using Norway poplar as raw material. This is expensive, but it is the only way out of a difficulty owing to the fact that suitable timber can not be imported from Finland on account of the war.

Japanese warships seized the Norwegian steamship Christian Bors, 200 miles off the coast of Japan. The ship will be placed under a prize court at Sasebo pending further investigation of alleged irregularities with its papers.

A wireless message reported that the Norwegian steamer Imatoca, bound from Ayr, Scotland, to Baltimore, in ballast was abandoned in a sinking condition in the middle of the Atlantic and its crew rescued by the steamer El Zorro.

Borregaard forever! The Borregaard company has sued the Norwegian government to find out the exact extent of the salmon license at Borregaard. It is expected that this will be the last lawsuit about this sacred salmon license. But the fight against it will not end until it is out of the way in some shape.

Mr. Hammarsted, a hotel keeper at Tosen, has built a modern sanatorium at Espeland, near Mol station. It is just ready for use and will accommodate thirty patients.

PRESIDENT NAMES NEW COMMISSION

**JOSEPH E. DAVIES WILL PROBABLY BE CHAIRMAN OF
THE BODY.**

THREE DEMOCRATS IN LIST

**Personnel of Federal Trade Commission As Nominated by Wilson
May Meet With Opposition
in Senate.**

Washington—President Wilson Monday, sent to the senate the names of the five men nominated to constitute the federal trade commission.

The three Democrats named by the president are Joseph E. Davies, of Madison, Wis., now corporation commissioner, to serve seven years; Edward N. Hurley, of Chicago, Ill., for six years, and William J. Harris, of Cedarhurst, Ga., for five years. The other nominees are Will H. Barry, of Seattle, Wash., a Progressive-Republican, named for four years, and George Rublee, of Cornish, N. H., regarded as a Progressive, for three years.

That the list will be given careful consideration, both in committee and before the senate, seems assured. Democratic and Republican senators both declared that there would be no hasty consideration of qualifications of the men named, particularly on account of the great powers to be conferred through provisions of the new law, and also in view of the length of time which the president took before making up his mind as to the personnel of the commission.

Mr. Davies, it is understood, will be named chairman of the commission. He was first on the list of nominations sent to the senate by the president and receive the longest term. Because of his experience in conducting the bureau of corporations, the president is understood to deem him well qualified to head the new commission.

George L. Record, of New Jersey, who was seriously considered by the president for one of the places on the commission, is likely to be made its counselor, it was said Monday night. The position pays the same salary as that provided for members of the commission.

Opposition to some of the nominations is expected at the White House.

FIRST BLOW OF CAMPAIGN

**English Merchant Vessel Sunk By
Submarine Without Warning.**

London—Without warning, a German submarine Saturday sank the British steamship Cambank of Cardiff, by torpedo, off Amlywh bay, Wales, just after the Cambank had taken on a pilot to enter the harbor of Liverpool. The third engineer and two firemen were killed and another member of the crew was drowned while trying to enter a lifeboat. The remainder of the crew escaped in boats.

This is the first time the Germans have sunk an enemy commercial vessel without giving the men aboard time even to leave the ship. It is taken as the initial stroke in the relentless war Germany declared to begin on British trade beginning February 18.

While the Cambank was not an important vessel, her sinking is regarded as momentous in

Novel Things in Neckwear



THE new collars give one the choice of baring the throat, leaving it more or less veiled, or covering it completely. But almost without exception they are high at the back, many of them very high, and the neck is lost to view. In the greater number the throat is open, there are flaring revers at the side and a turnover portion at the back. Within these lines the variety of ways in which the collars are cut is really bewildering. To judge by this, everyone is to wear novel things in neckwear, and every style is to be suited.

Besides the turnover collars, with revers at the sides and vestiges at the front, there are smart styles with standing plaits across the back. These are cut squarely off at the sides, leaving the throat uncovered, but are finished with a long vee at the front. These, like other standing effects, are supported by fine wires. They are very high, reaching not much below the top of the ears.

Then there are the graduated ruffles of fine lace which are favorites on gowns of lace and net and on afternoon gowns of tulle or tulle or crepe de chine. They are not so high

at the back and gradually grow narrower at the sides and front, finally disappearing at the top fastening of the bodice. But they also require wiring with the finest of silk-covered wire, to give them the sprightly pose required.

One of the new collars of sheer batiste finished with fine embroidery is shown in the picture given here. It is a good example of a type of collar which is featured among the new dress accessories for spring. Equally strong as a novelty, the new very high, standing collar, high at the front as well as the back, attached or unattached to the blouse, are commanding much attention and may prove the favorites. Just at the moment the sheer collar, high at the back and turned over, open at the throat, is liked finished by a band of narrow black velvet ribbon which ties over it around the throat and appears to support it, although fine wires really do the work.

There is a lot of wear in the collars of embroidered batiste; they provide an inexpensive and dainty means of freshening up the dress.

On the Subject of Boudoir Caps



THE plainest of boudoir caps, such as that one pictured here, will serve to introduce a coterie of others far more elaborately made. The subject of boudoir caps is inexhaustible; they are as varied, almost, as the faces they so prettily set off. Daintiness is the most lasting of feminine charms, and the boudoir cap is an expression of this.

Displayed in a New York shop are a half dozen or so styles, that run the scale from the simplest to the most elaborate. The first one consists of a puff of plain crepe de chine for the crown, which is gathered over a circle of wire that fits the head. Lace, about three inches wide, plaited in narrow side plaitings, is sewed inside the edge of the cap about the front, extending from one temple to the other. A second length of the plaited lace is sewed in, extending from ear to ear. The lace is then turned back off the face and tacked to the crown, forming a coronet of lace about the face.

Where this plaiting leaves off, a third length is sewed in the cap and is left hanging over its neck. A rosette of narrow ribbon is sewed to each side.

The next cap is made of all-over shadow lace with the puffed crown shirred over a circle of wire. A frill of very narrow lace extends about the front of the cap. Across the back there is a scant frill of wider lace

that is wired with fine wire, to curve outward from the ears and neck.

This smart little affair is trimmed with a twist of narrow satin ribbon and occasional clusters of the smallest chiffon roses set about the face. It is finished with a rosette of the ribbon at each side.

The third cap was made of fine dotted Swiss and shaped like a baby's cap. A frill of cluny lace, very scant, fell about the face, and an insertion of the same was set in about the crown. Between the insertion and the frill a narrow band of ribbon extended about the cap, ending in long loops and ends at the left side.

The fanciest and most novel of caps in this gay array had a puffed crown of colored silk set in a rim of Irish lace. The lace was wired to stand out in four points, one at the front, one at the back, and one at each side. It had no trimmings, the richness of the lace making this unnecessary.

Many simple caps were shown made of flowered voile and marquisette. They have puffed crowns and short capes of the material and were trimmed with lace and little ribbon roses in several colors. One of the prettiest of all was made of sheer openwork Swiss embroidery for the puffed crown, and a double ruffle of lace about the face. Satin ribbon two inches wide was twisted about the crown and tied in a bow at the front.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

The Kitchen Cabinet

Stolen sweets are always sweeter
Stolen kisses much completer,
Stolen looks are nice in chapels
Stolen, stolen be your apples.
—Thomas Handolph.

VALUE OF WATER AND FRUIT JUICES.

Water is not a food, but a carrier of food to all parts, and waste from all parts of the body, we are taught. Too little drinking of fresh, pure water is the cause of much physical disturbance. Overeating and little drinking of water is said to be our greatest American failing in dietetics.

Water should not be too cold, but cool enough to be palatable, either summer or winter, and the amount each individual should take depends largely on the food eaten. If one eats largely of fruit, less water is needed, and if one drinks much milk, less is required, but even the very young baby should be given frequent drinks of cold water.

As children must suffer with their teeth, when the little gums are inflamed and swollen, a drink of cool water will give much relief.

The acids in fruits play an important office in destroying those germs which create gases and cause auto-intoxication. Fruit juices act on the kidneys and quench thirst. At the same time they are a natural laxative.

A juicy, good flavored apple is better than medicine, and should be eaten many times a day. Scraped apple may be given to young children.

The reason that fruit is best eaten either early or late in the day is that the stomach is empty and thus the digestive juices have free access to the fruit juices, stimulating them to action.

APPLE, THE QUEEN OF FRUITS.

Eaten from the hand unpeeled the apple is indeed the queen of fruits, and those who indulge often in the wholesome fruit find it as good as a tonic.

Apple Cream Pudding.—Slice a dish for baking full of apples and pour over it the following batter: Take a pint of sour cream, add a teaspoonful of soda, and when it is dissolved beat in one or two cups of flour, enough to make a thin batter, add salt and pour over the apples. Bake until brown. If the apples are not tart enough add a squeeze of lemon juice and serve with sugar and cream or with a hard sauce.

Apple and Almonds.—Core then pure nice, well-flavored apples, which will cook well without losing their shape. Cook in a thin sirup until nearly tender and fill with almonds which have been blanched and cut in quarters. Put the almonds sharp end first into the apples until they look like little porcupines. Dust with powdered sugar and place them in the sirup in a baking pan in the oven to brown. When the almonds are brown and the apples well cooked remove, cool and serve with whipped cream and sugar. The attractiveness of this method must be tried to be appreciated.

Apple Gelatin.—Pare, core and quarter six tart apples, add the yellow rind of half a lemon, cover with a pint of elder, boil and press through a sieve. Cover a half-box of gelatin with half a cupful of cold water and when softened add the juice of one lemon and mix all together. When molded serve with elder sauce or cream and sugar. Grape juice may be used in place of elder when it is not obtainable or any canned fruit juice may be used.

Apple Filling for Cake.—Grate one or two good, juicy, well-flavored apples, add a cupful of sugar and the whites of one or two eggs, depending upon the amount of apple pulp. Beat until light and firm, then put between layers of cake and on top. This filling may be flavored with a drop of almond and two or three of lemon extract. Cake filled with this mixture keeps moist for days and is good to the last piece.

Here's the Worst Speller.
One of the dealers in honey at the Portland (Ore.) public market is entitled to the championship booby prize of the world in spelling. Here are reproductions of placards which the merchant has tacked up before his products:

"The Bees suck this off hunny with their bills rite out off swete cloovr blossoms inn Eastern Or-son."

"Paure Hunny Stikk a teeth plikk rite inn a hille vurell, kno extrra charges if you ble a jarr."

Blind People in Orient.
British India, says a writer in the Outlook for the Blind, leads all eastern countries in the number of its blind people, containing about 800,000. In China there are, it is estimated, 800,000; in Japan, 100,000, and in Egypt, 150,000 of these unfortunate.

History of Linen Manufacture.
The Scots in Ulster first established linen manufacture during the reign of James the First, and from this beginning has the business of the present day developed.

Light household duties, ever more in- wrought
With placid fancies of one trusting heart
That lives but in her smile, and turns
From life's cold scolding and the busy tumult
With tenderness, that heavenward ever yearns
To be refreshed where one pure altar
Shut out from hence the mockery of life:
Thus liveth she content, the meek,
The fond trusting wife.
—Elizabeth O. Smith.

SEASONABLE DISHES.

Oysters are rather an expensive food, but they add variety to the diet and an occasional use of them may be made most profitable.

Creamed Oysters.—Carefully handle each oyster to remove shells, put in a colander and rinse in cold water, drain the liquid from the oysters and strain it, adding it to the oysters. Make a rich white sauce of three tablespoonfuls each of flour and butter, cooked together when the butter is bubbling hot, then add one and a half cupful of rich milk, a half teaspoonful of salt and a few dashes of celery salt and red pepper. Cook a pint of oysters in boiling water and the liquor until plump and the edges curl, pour into the white sauce and serve hot with buttered toast.

Fish Mash.—Take equal parts of cold flaked fish and cold boiled potatoes, chopped fine. Season with salt and pepper. Put butter in a saucepan, and when melted add the fish and potatoes, stir until well warmed, then let brown underneath. Turn as an omelet.

Apple and Banana Salad.—Scoop out two apple balls from peeled apples, using a French vegetable cutter, and prepare banana balls in the same way, cover both with a generous sprinkling of lemon juice to keep them from discoloring, and serve on lettuce leaves with French dressing.

Asparagus Salad.—Place a cupful of canned asparagus tips on lettuce leaves. Cover with thin slices of red and green peppers and serve with well chilled French dressing.

Macarons.—Beat the whites of four eggs until stiff, add a cupful of sugar, one cupful of cocoanut and one of nut-meats, then three cupfuls of corn flakes, stir until well mixed and drop by spoonfuls on a buttered sheet. Bake in a moderate oven.

DAINTY DISHES.

When serving cheese or cottage cheese mold it into small balls, then with a wooden skewer dip each in grated cheese and lightly coat each ball. If the cheese is quite moist in the balls the mixture will stick and make a most attractive dish.

Cream of Beets.—To a quart of milk add one onion, a sprig of celery (both cut up), and heat, strain over two tablespoonfuls each of flour and butter which has been cooked together. Cook until smooth. Beat until thick and add one cupful of cooked beets cut in small cubes.

Celery mixed with potato when creaming potato adds to the dish. Both should be cooked until tender.

Chocolate Nut Cake.—Soften a half-cupful of butter, add two cupfuls of sugar, yolks of four eggs, one cupful of milk alternately with 2-3 cupfuls of flour that has been sifted with four teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Fold in the whites of the eggs and add two squares of melted chocolate and a half-teaspoonful of vanilla.

Frosting.—Take two cupfuls of sugar, one-half cupful of water, cook until it threads, pour over beaten whites of two eggs, add a fourth of a teaspoonful of cream of tartar and nine marshmallows.

Rhubarb Shortcake.—Chop fine one cupful of mixed dates and raisins, add two cupfuls of rich, thick stewed rhubarb, cook five minutes. Split a shortcake and spread generously with butter, then cover with the rhubarb mixture. Cover with whipped cream.

Lettuce, Pepper and Egg Salad.—Wash the tender leaves of lettuce and arrange on a flat dish; chop fine two green peppers and sprinkle over this, then add two hard cooked eggs, also chopped, cover with French dressing and serve well chilled.

Nellie Maxwell.

The man who is "below five feet in height" may well be reckoned as being among the "diminutives." The average height is around five feet six inches. A man is "tall" when he is six feet or over. Under five feet five he is "short."

English Life Guards.
England's famous Life Guards were organized just after the Restoration. They were recruited from the old cavaliers who fought for Prince Charles Stuart, and in 1661 they were formed into three troops.

Many Juvenile Readers.
More than seven and a half million books are lent by London public libraries in a year, the juvenile readers taking considerably over a million.

Life and Work.
I must do my own work and live my own life in my own way, because I'm responsible for both.—Kipling.

Happiness Ever by You.
Only learn to catch happiness, for happiness is over by you.—Goswami.

OPERATING UNDER DIFFICULTIES



Stalled in an Alaskan Snowdrift.
Digging Down to the Railroad Through 40 Feet of Snow.

Rotary Snowplows Like This Are in Almost Constant Use on Alaskan Railroads in Winter for Keeping the Line Open.

ON ALASKAN RAILROAD

PROBLEM TO KEEP LINE CLEAR OF SNOW AND ICE.

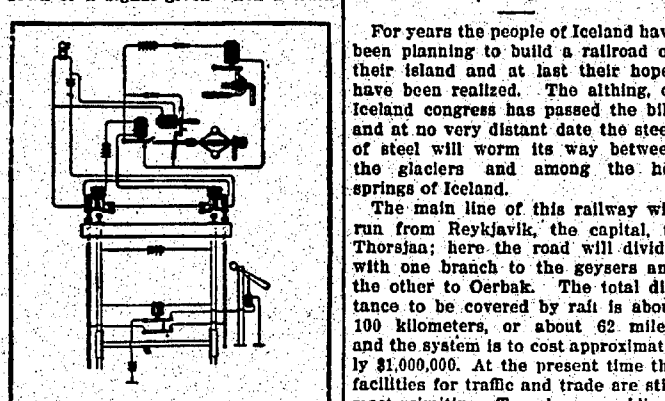
Despite its System of Snowsheds, Road is Frequently Blocked and All Trains Stalled for Weeks, or Even Months.

Keeping the line cleared of snow and ice is the biggest problem in the operation of the railroad that runs from Cordova, Alaska, to the Bonanza copper mines. Although snowsheds have been built along the most dangerous places, it is not an uncommon thing for this railroad to become blocked with snow so that trains are stalled for weeks, and on one occasion there were no trains for nearly two months. Rotary snowplows are in almost constant service during the winter, but when the snow drifts to such depths as 40 feet, as it sometimes does, even these powerful machines are unable to keep the line open. On one occasion the fuel was used up and the rotary was caught in a snowdrift. The conductor managed to reach a relief telephone and notify the Cordova office of his plight. Oil and several dog teams were sent out on a relief engine. When this engine was stopped by the snow the oil was loaded on the dog sleds and taken over miles of drifts to the stalled rotary. The railway follows a river bank for much of its length, and during seasons when there is alternate freezing and thawing, the overflow from the river forms over the track a solid sheet of ice that can be removed only by dynamite.—Modern Mechanisms.

MAKES FOR FURTHER SAFETY

Automatic Train-Stop System for Use in Connection With Block Signals on Railroads.

This train-stopping apparatus is adapted for use in connection with a block-signal system, whereby a train is automatically stopped or slowed down or a signal given when a train enters a block already occupied by another train and a stop signal is disregarded, or when the train travels at excessively high speed or when part of the circuit is interrupted or deranged for any reason.—Scientific American.



Automatic Train-Stop System.

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Dead Year for Railroads.
The year 1914 was the deadliest in a generation for the railroads. Mileage construction fell from an average of 4,450 miles during the preceding 15 years to 1,531 miles. Only 3,691 steel passenger cars were constructed, as against 4,246 in 1911, 4,412 in 1910 and 5,457 in 1909. Only about half as many freight cars, 104,541, were built in 1914 as in 1913, when the number was 207,684. The number of locomotives constructed in 1914 was only 2,235; in 1913 the number was 5,332 and in 1912 it was 4,915.

This loss in constructive business meant a difference in expenditure of many millions of dollars and it meant thousands of men idle.

The Oldest Metal Things.
The oldest metallic objects are thought to be those found in a royal tomb in Egypt, supposed to have been that of King Menes. In one of the chambers were some bits of gold and a bead, a button and a fine wire of nearly pure copper. These objects are believed to be 6,800 years old.

Improved Railroad Gates.
The Canadian Pacific railroad is erecting seven gates that will be operated by electricity to safeguard traffic across its tracks along the waterfront in Vancouver. They are of the portcullis type, and the pressure of an electric button will lower or raise them.

Easy Job.
It is the easiest thing in the world to fill empty heads with hot air, and it is done every day.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Daily Thought.
When anyone has offended me, I try to raise my soul so high that the offense cannot reach it.—Descartes.

Pardon Yourself.
If you wish to remember you with pleasure, forget yourself.—Charles Kingsley.

Surely a Prize Turkey.
An old Scotchwoman had a reputation far and near for her fine fowls, and had often been awarded prizes at the neighboring shows. During the Christmas season a gentleman staying in the neighborhood, hearing her poultry so highly praised, resolved to give her a trial, so sent an order for the finest turkey she had, and after a little delay was delighted to receive as fine a specimen as could be wished for. This delight, however, was short lived, for on trying to carve the bird he found it so tough as to resist all his efforts. Enraged, he sallied forth to find the woman, who he believed had swindled him. After listening to his outburst of wrath she exclaimed: "Hoos, man, why ye canna tell a gowd fow when ye see one. That bubbly-jock's ta'en th' first prize at th' show for th' last seven years!"

HAS MADE ITS SLOGAN GOOD

Eastern Railroad Able to Regard With Pride the Success of its Safety-First Movement.

Safety first is more than a phrase at least on one of the leading Eastern railroads. In the last two years this line has transported, without an accident fatal to one of them, passengers to the number of 370,000,000 over its 26,000 miles of track. In four of the last seven years the lines east of Pittsburgh carried 558,000,000 passengers without a fatality. Moreover, these records are not the result of good luck. They are the fruit of intelligent efforts to safeguard life, and to redeem, so far as one railroad may, the generally bad reputation of American transportation companies for disasters and loss of life.

Not only have the roads devoted study and time to the protection of passengers, but their officers have endeavored, with increasing success, to save the limbs and lives of their employees and of trespassers who intrude on their rights of way and endanger themselves. Throughout New York one prominent company has carried on a campaign of education for its own employees and the public generally to bring about the observance of necessary caution and the enforcement of laws and ordinances intended to keep the right of way clear. Other important roads have aided notably in the conservation of human beings. If the public would contribute as much as the companies do, the death toll would be reduced far below its present aggregate.

Prevention of a great number of accidents is beyond the power of the railroads. It rests with their employees and the public. When train hands, shopmen, travelers, motorists, drivers and pedestrians learn to take care of themselves, the list of maimed and dead will soon shrink to inconsiderable proportions.

ICELAND LINE IS ASSURED

Project That Has Been Contemplated for Many Years Soon to Be Accomplished Fact.

For years the people of Iceland have been planning to build a railroad on their island and at last their hopes have been realized. The althing, or Icelandic congress has passed the bill, and at no very distant date the steel of steel will worm its way between the glaciers and among the hot springs of Iceland.

The main line of this railway will run from Reykjavik, the capital, to Thorsnes; here the road will divide, with one branch to the geysers and the other to Gerbak. The total distance to be covered by rail is about 100 kilometers, or about 62 miles, and the system is to cost approximately \$1,000,000. At the present time the facilities for traffic and trade are still most primitive. Travelers are obliged to ride on any animal which may be available, while freight is moved in rude carts. The roads are for the most part very bad and they are often made impassable by mountain torrents.—Scientific American.

Trespassers on Railroads.
A state law forbidding trespass on railroad property may at first seem like a hardship to a good many persons who have been in the habit of using such rights of way as public highways, but there is sound sense in Judge Tuttle's plea for legislation. The loss of life and limb through trespass is enormous all over the country, running up into the thousands and scores of thousands annually, and quite putting in the shade any real or fancied advantage which comes to the public as a result of its assumed right to amble all over railroad property.—Detroit Free Press.

Rapid Railroad Development.
To show how rapidly railroads developed in the United States, in 1828 there were only three miles; in 1830, 42 miles; in 1840, 2,800 miles, and in 1850, 50,000 miles. The present railroad mileage in the United States is upward of 356,000 miles, or equal to several tracks around the globe, while the total mileage of the world is more than 640,000 miles, all built in less than one hundred years.

Naming Tunnels After Engineers.
A well-deserved and too seldom accorded honor is to be given to engineers by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. The four tunnels on the Magnolia cut-off between Orleans and Little Cacaton, W. Va., are to be named after four of the road's chief engineers.—James L. Randolph, J. M. Graham, D. D. Carothers and Francis Lee Stewart.

Staring Unpopular Bird.
Starlings are not liked in Australia, according to reports from the American consul at Melbourne. Besides being destructive to fruit, they are charged with turning valuable insect eating birds out of their nests.

Riches From the Ocean.
The fishing industry of the Bonapores is worth \$1,000,000 to Turkey. Along the Mediterranean coast she obtains excellent sponges, the Red sea yields mother-of-pearl, and the Persian gulf, pearls.

Southern and eastern Europe furnish 95 per cent of the output of the United States.

BILIOUS, HEADACHY, SICK "CASCARETS"

Gently cleanse your liver and sluggish bowels while you sleep.

Get a 10-cent box. Sick headache, biliousness, distended stomach, foul taste and foul breath—always trace them to torpid liver; delayed, fermenting food in the bowels or sour, gassy stomach. Poisonous matter clogged in the intestines, instead of being cast out of the system is re-absorbed into the blood. When this poison reaches the delicate brain tissue it causes congestion and that dull, throbbing, sickening headache.

Cascarets immediately cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested food and foul gases, take the excess bile from the liver and carry out all the constipated waste matter and poisons in the bowels.

A Cascaret to-night will surely straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist means your head clear, stomach sweet and your liver and bowels regular for months. Adv.

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The "Triple French Twist" Coiffure



AMONG the new ways of doing the hair which were launched with the oncoming of the present season the style known as the "French twist" made headway faster than some other of the new ideas. As ordinarily done it proved a rather trying coiffure to all but youthful, round-faced wearers. By bringing the long coil of hair to the top of the head and pulling a portion of it forward on to the forehead a more becoming arrangement resulted, especially when the hair was first waved.

At the end of the summer women had become very tired of the sameness in fashionable coiffures and were eager for something—almost anything—which promised change and variety. Hairdressers took advantage of this state of things, and the readiness with which the French twist was accepted, to introduce some new ideas. Embodiment of some of these was the triple twist, which in conjunction with neatly waved hair, they have produced some charming coiffures, none of them more artistic and few of them as pleasing as that pictured here.

This coiffure is called the "Triple French Twist". It is soft-looking and becoming to almost any face, and it is distinctly new. It does not require a great abundance, but takes some time, as all the hair is first waved in large regular waves. Also small supports of crepe hair may be necessary. In case the natural hair is thin, to support it. The hair must first be parted off at each side in a part extending from the forehead to the nape of the neck. This divides the hair into three equal, heavy strands, one along the center and one at each side of the head. Each portion is then waved.

The hair at the sides is combed forward to be out of the way, and the central portion separated in three strands and lightly rolled into three twists, which are pinned down and afterward combed together so that they have the appearance of one long twist of hair. This must be soft and loose-looking and to provide a support the hair at the crown is to be tied before it is twisted, and afterward spread into the long roll. Invisible wire pins help to join the three separate twists into one.

The hair at the sides is brought up to the twist, the ends turned under and the side hair pinned along the center twist with small wire pins. If there is not enough hair to make a soft, abundant appearance small pads or supports are placed next the center twist at each side, the waved hair combed over these and the ends pinned under.

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is the supreme test of a drug store's character. Our prescription department is run on the principle that your doctor knows what he wants when he writes his directions and it is our duty to follow them to the very letter. Bring your prescription here and you will make the doctor's work surer and safer.

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Grayling, Michigan

Phone and we will call for your prescription. We deliver.

Crawford Avalanche

O. P. Schumann, Editor and Proprietor.

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Six Months......75
Three Months......40

Entered as second-class matter at the Postoffice at Grayling, Mich., under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, FEB. 25

Meal Tickets for Tramps.

We did not "observe" this in our own little town, but saw it in a paper a few days ago and feel sure you will say the idea is not only clever, but a good one.

The town in question, like all other towns, had been over-run with tramps for several months. The city officials were unable to cope with the situation and housewives were being continually pestered by them. Finally, some one hit on the idea of the city council having tickets printed, each ticket good for a meal at some local restaurant. A supply of these tickets were then

placed in every home. When a tramp called and asked for something to eat, he was offered one of the tickets, which read, "Good for One Meal When Endorsed by the Street Commissioner." If the tramp really was hungry, he would present the ticket to the street commissioner, who would give him a job of public work sufficient for him to earn the meal. Then the ticket was redeemable at the restaurant. The owner of the restaurant then presented the tickets to the city council and collected his money.

A good idea and one that we might well adopt, don't you think?

We know of at least one man in this town—a hard working man who seldom makes more than nine dollars a week, and yet he owes no man a penny. Some of our more fortunate citizens would do well to imitate him.

Have that watch repaired now at Hathaway's.

Beverly Creek, Browns.

Henry Moon is improving steadily at this writing.

Loon Barnaby left for Tekonsha one day last week for an extended visit.

Little Germany left for home last Friday.

Richard Beebe has returned to his home in Wolverine, after working for John Hanna part of the winter.

A surprise party on Mrs. Brown was given at Capt. Case's residence last Saturday evening. A pleasant time was reported.

Mrs. A. Henry our school teacher, left for her home in Standish last Saturday. School will be closed six weeks.

The Annis brothers, Frank Benedict and Horace Failing were fishing at Higgin's lake Sunday. About 100 of the minny tribe were caught.

Chas. Burt left for Ohio Sunday night. We understand Mr. Burt has a large deal on with Ohio parties for some of the best land in this part of the county.

J. C. Burton has about 40,000 feet of hemlock logs piled up ready for the saw mill. Feldhauser Bros. have the job of sawing the lumber. Mr. Burton expects to build a basement barn 40x50 feet in the spring.

Mrs. Geo. Kniss arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Benedict, for a visit.

Miss Matilda Moon is visiting at the home of her uncle, Axel Christenson.

Miss Laura Moon and Lewis Beach enjoyed a skating party at Portage lake last Sunday.

Captain Case and George Belmore started on a trip to Higgins lake. They went part way, and after putting their horse in a neighbor's barn, continued on snow shoes. They were accompanied by some of their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Belmore and Miss Elsie Mortenson enjoyed a potro party given by Mrs. Case last Saturday evening. Mrs. Belmore received the first prize and Mrs. Lewis second.

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Lovelin.

Mrs. Caldwell spent one day this week with her daughter who lives at Keesland.

Charles Lee is visiting his son and family in Bay City.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy died at their home Tuesday, Feb. 16th.

Florence McCormick returned home from Vanderbilt, where she has been with her sister, Mrs. Ira Johnson, for the past few weeks.

A number of little folks spent Saturday afternoon with Darrel Frank, the occasion being his sixth birthday.

Mrs. Mary Kennedy of Alpena is visiting at the home of her son, J. Kennedy of this place. Mrs. Kennedy is a nurse and is helping to care for Mrs. J. Kennedy, who is gaining quite rapidly now from her recent illness.

Newell Underhill, who has been attending school in Rochester, N. Y., arrived home one day this week, having received word of his father's illness. He found his father much better and able to be out.

The Avery twins celebrated their first anniversary Friday afternoon. All the little folks and mothers were present and spent the afternoon with the little fellows. Many tokens of love and good wishes were bestowed upon them. A nice lunch was prepared and served by Mrs. Avery and enjoyed by all present.

A goodly number of our town folks gathered at the home of C. Stillwagon for a sleighride to Papenfus' Saturday evening. A good time is always anticipated at Rob's house, and such was the case. Card playing and dancing was the program for the evening. About midnight a bountiful supper was spread, to which each did ample justice. Then all were packed in the sleighs to return to their homes in the wee hours in the morning.

Registration Notice.

To the electors of the village of Grayling, county of Crawford, state of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Registration for the above named village will be held at the town hall within said village on Saturday, March 6, A. D. 1915, for the purpose of registering the names of all such persons who shall be possessed of the necessary qualifications of electors, and who may apply for that purpose, and that said Board of Registration will be in session on the day and place aforesaid, from 8:00 in the forenoon until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose aforesaid.

Dated this 24th day of February, A. D. 1915.

T. P. PETERSON,

Village Clerk.

How Mr. Davis Got Rid of a Bad Cough.

"Some time ago I had a very bad cough," writes Lewis T. Davis, Blackwater, Del. "My brother, McCabe Davis, gave me a small bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. After using this I bought half a dozen bottles of it but only used one of them as the cough left me and I have not been troubled since." Obtainable everywhere.

WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No ad. taken for less than 15 cents. There are about six words to the line. SEND MONEY WITH THE ORDER.

50 BOYS WANTED—to buy one of our high grade bicycles. Just drop in at the garage and take a look. You will be delighted. Grayling Machinery Repair Co.

NEW MILCH COW—For sale. Phone or address John Malco, Frederic, Mich. 2-25-2.

WANTED—Washings to do. For particulars inquire at the Avalanche office. 2-18-3.

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Barred Rock cockerels. Phone 714. J. M. Bunting.

PIANO TUNING—R. P. Patterson, the well known piano tuner, will be in Grayling about Feb. 20-25. Orders may be left at Lewis' drug store. Also agent for the old standard Fisher pianos. 1-25-4.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Michigan, Northern Division.

In the matter of the estate of Michael Brenner, bankrupt.

To the Honorable Arthur J. Tuttle, Judge of the District Court of the United States, Eastern district of Michigan:

Michael Brenner of the city of Grayling, county of Crawford, and state of Michigan, in said district, respectfully represents that on the 14th day of February, A. D. 1914, he was duly adjudged a bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and the orders of the court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore, he prays that he may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankruptcy acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

MICHAEL BRENNER, Bankrupt.

Dated February 8, 1915. 2-25-5.

OUR BIG OFFER

During the remainder of February and the entire month of March we will make our regular

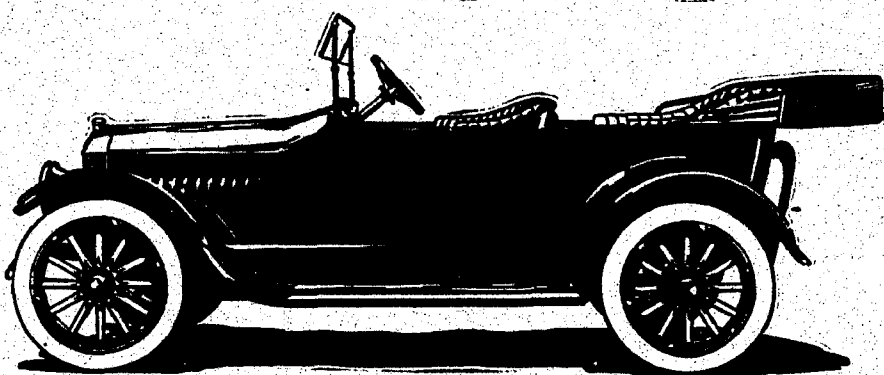
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Three-point suspension.

MOTOR

Our own—six cylinders—2 7-8 inch bore x 4 1/4 inch stroke—cast en bloc—water cooled—over-head valves—valves concealed—spherical combustion chambers, insuring the greatest possible efficiency to be obtained in an internal combustion engine. Horse power, 33-36.

TRANSMISSION

Selective sliding gear—three speeds forward and reverse. Mounted on annular ball bearings.

FRONT AXLE

I beam, drop forged, heat treated—steering knuckle pins hardened and ground.

REAR AXLE

Full floating—differential and pinions on one carrier—fully adjustable—ball and roller bearing mounting—rear inspection plate.

STEERING GEAR

Irreversible—worm and sector type.

CONTROL

Left hand drive—center control—throttle lever under wheel—foot accelerator.

CLUTCH

Cone—fully adjustable.

BRAKES

Internal and external on rear wheels; extra large braking surface.

IGNITION

Atwater-Kent—automatic spark advance.

LUBRICATION

Constant level—circulating pump, sight feed on cowl board.

GASOLINE SYSTEM

Gravity—tank mounted on dash under cowl—filler cap on cowl board.

SPRINGS

Semi-elliptic front—true cantilever rear—special alloy steel.

WHEEL BASE

106 inches

TREAD

56 inches—60 inch special for Southern trade.

BODY

Beautiful streamline—deep, wide, tilted cushions—rear upholstery, long springs and curled hair.

FENDERS

Heavy stamped crown fenders, joined to aluminum covered running boards.

WHEELS

Wood—32 inches—quick detachable demountable rims.

TIRES

32x3 1/2 all around—straight side type.

WINDSHIELD

Two-piece—rain vision—adjustable to any position.

ROAD CLEARANCE

11 inches.

TOP

One man—mohair with mohair top slip

LIGHTS

Electric, two bulb headlights—electric tail light.

STARTING AND LIGHTING SYSTEM

One unit generator—mounted on motor—extra large battery.

COWL BOARD MOUNTINGS

Oil pressure gauge, speedometer, ignition switch, gasoline filler.

COLOR

Body and chassis, black—wheels, rich red—equipment in black enamel and nickel.

EQUIPMENT

Electric horn—robe rail—foot rail—floor mats—extra demountable rim and rim carrier on rear—tools—jack—tire pump—license brackets—speedometer.

PRICE

Equipped with electric lighting and starting, together with all accessories, as specified, \$795. Equipped with acetylene headlights, Prest-O-Lite tank rear oil light and all accessories, as specified (except electric lighting, starting and electric horn) but including bulb horn, \$750.

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Look for the Ansco Sign

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THE BUSY DRUGGIST

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, FEB. 25

Patience for Farmers.

Jack Sprat raised hogs so fat, Not one of them was lean. He set them into market and He made five thousand clean.

Jack and Jill went up the hill. Both were highly elated. The auto they rode is a costly one. And it never hesitated.

Little Bo Peep had so many sheep She didn't know where to fold them. So one fine day she sent them away, And at the stock yards sold them. Little Bo Peep a fortune did reap And invested it all in chickens. Every fellow she knows comes round to propose; They bother her like the dickens.

—THE OFFICE DRILL.

Local News

A. J. McNis of Detroit is a guest of Miss Iole Milnes.

Before you buy a camera see the Ansco. A. M. Lewis.

Don't forget to bring that watch in for repairs. You know where, at Hathaway's.

Mrs. Carl Mork has returned home from a several months' stay visiting her parents at Caro.

One reason why you should bring us your prescriptions is that we always use pure drugs. Central Drug Store.

Several of the business places were closed a half day Monday in honor of George Washington's birthday, Feb. 22nd.

Miss Clara Nelson entertained a few friends Tuesday evening at her home in honor of her birthday anniversary.

The regular meeting of the M. E. Ladies' Aid society will be held at the home of Mrs. M. A. Bates next week Friday, March 5.

C. G. Fink of the M. C. depot, returned Wednesday morning from a two weeks stay in Texas attending to some business interests.

Mrs. J. Piehl left for her home near Wolvridge Tuesday morning, after a couple of weeks spent at the home of her son, Chris Piehl and family.

Don't forget the big Men's Washington banquet at the opera house next Tuesday night, March 2nd. See program elsewhere in this paper.

The Misses Emma Moeliman and Myrtle Reagan entertained the Lafayette sewing club at the home of Mrs. J. B. Woodburn Tuesday evening.

"Miss Cherry Blossom" at the opera house tonight. This is a Japanese musical comedy given under the auspices of the Junior class. Don't miss seeing it.

The fourth number of the lecture course, the Harp entertainers, at the opera house last Monday evening was well attended and was much enjoyed by the audience.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Nikla left Sunday night for Petoskey in response to a telegram they had received that the father of the former had died very suddenly that morning.

The members of the Loyal Order of Moose enjoyed a fish-fry banquet at their club rooms on Monday night. About 45 members sat down to the tables and indulged in a feast of good things.

Much excitement was caused last Friday morning about 6:30 o'clock when a fire was discovered at the Michigan Central depot hotel in one of the guest rooms. It was quickly extinguished.

Mrs. David Montour returned Saturday noon from Standish, where she had been called on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. H. Collier. Mrs. F. Tetu, who was with her mother, returned Tuesday leaving her very much improved.

"I Don't Feel Good" That's what a lot of people tell us when they are suffering from indigestion. It's a sure sign that your stomach is out of order. Get a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. They will cure your indigestion and make you feel like a new man. A. M. Lewis & Co.

"Miss Cherry Blossom" tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Cooper are visiting relatives in Lansing.

Mrs. Henry Mapes is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Swesco of Mio.

Mrs. J. Hohenmeyer is showing the new line of spring millinery and velvets.

It is easy to see all there is to be seen when you wear glasses prescribed by Hathaway.

Charles Newell Underhill was called home to Lovells on account of his father's illness.

Correct filling of all prescriptions is what our customers get every time. Central Drug Store.

We have Ansco film that will fit every camera that is in town. A. M. Lewis.

The executive committee of the Northeastern Michigan Development bureau meet at Bay City, today.

Fire insurance is too cheap to be without. Why are you so negligent? GEO. L. ALEXANDER & SON.

When you want stationery buy the Steele Die Embossed Initial stationery. We also carry the same in correspondence cards. A. M. Lewis.

Lenten devotions are being held in the St. Mary's catholic church every Wednesday and Friday evenings. All members of congregation and their friends are invited to attend.

I am now in a position to take orders for the new Dodge Brothers automobiles. 5-passenger 30-35 horse power \$785 f. o. b. Detroit. Come in and let me show you cuts. Joe Kraus. 2-11-4.

Word has just been received that the marriage of Miss Olga Petersen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen, will take place in Detroit March 6th. The gentleman of the contracting parties is Mr. William Fabursky, a jewelry engraver in one of the jewelry establishments of Detroit.

Notice to my old customers and new ones: I am now again prepared to make clothes to order—have just finished another course in cutting and fitting and am better able than ever to give you high class tailoring services as to style, fit and workmanship. 2-18-3 A. E. HENDRICKSON.

The members of the Goodfellowship club and their husbands were most royally entertained at a six o'clock dinner at T-town last Tuesday evening by T. W. Hanson. Afterwards at the home of the president of the club, Mrs. Oscar Hanson, the evening was spent at cards and closed with a much enjoyed luncheon.

The Danish Lutheran Church society will give a social supper at Danebod hall on Thursday evening, March 11. Owing to an accident wherein the heating boiler was practically ruined from freezing, the society will give this supper for the purpose of raising funds for the payment of repairs. That the supper will be well attended is a foregone conclusion for nothing in Grayling draws patronage like a Danish social supper.

This office hereby acknowledges receipt of an announcement of an opening of the firm of The Holger F. Peterson company, jewelers, of Youngstown, Ohio. Mr. Peterson is a son of Andrew Peterson, a pioneer jeweler of this city, and is a well known Grayling young man. Mr. Peterson is considered one of the live wires in Youngstown and a firm believer in printers' ink, and no doubt will get his share of the jewelry business in that city.

One feature of the K. of P. ball which we failed to mention in this paper last week, and that was the singing of Ross Gleason. During the orchestra overtures he sang "Tipperary" and was loudly applauded responding with a pleasing encore. Mr. Gleason has a strong tenor voice and his solos were much enjoyed. He will appear again tonight at the opera house where he will play the leading role in "Miss Cherry Blossom," a Japanese musical comedy.

One thousand five hundred one pieces of literature relative to North-eastern Michigan was sent to the heads of families of the entire farm population of Ford county, Illinois, last week, from the Bureau office. Sixty-seven per cent of the farmers in this county are farm tenants, leasing land on a share or money basis. The bureau hopes to stir up enthusiasm for Northeastern Michigan to an extent where these people will investigate the agricultural advantages of the district. The exhibits of North-eastern Michigan products was shown in four of the principle towns of Ford county it is hoped that the literature will arouse a greater interest in North-eastern Michigan.

Spring is coming and the time will soon be here when people who are interested in farm lands will be paying visits to the various sections of North-eastern Michigan. These investigators look, in part, to the farmers and business men for reliable information about the community they are visiting. Have you ever realized what you can do toward interesting a prospective settler or farm buyer? You can make him feel the justification of buying and settling in your community because you are not interested in selling. You can cause others to see why you are here and willing to remain. By boosting your home community, helping your business men and co-operating with your neighbor you will aid greatly in making a greater North-eastern Michigan. Remember it isn't your town, it's you that makes a booming place. Adopt the slogan, "I'm a booster for my community and North-eastern Michigan," and you will help make things more attractive to the prospective neighbor.

Subscribe for the Avalanche.

Finar Kasmussen came home from St. Ignace Sunday morning.

Alonso Cullen has been suffering from a severe attack of neuralgia.

For First Class Livery and Heavy Work call Peter Jorgenson, Phone 853. Open day and night.

It is our prompt service that counts in emergency cases when prescriptions are filled by us. Central Drug Store.

Mrs. Jacob Herber of Bay City is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Belanger, she being a sister of the latter.

Mrs. Louis Wagner and children came over from Onaway the latter part of last week and are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Petersen.

Miss Nellie Charlesfour who has been the guest of Mrs. Chas. Daby for the past week, returned to her home in Frederic Wednesday afternoon.

At a Grayling Citizens' band meeting one evening last week, Chas. O. McCullough was re-elected president and business manager; H. Hanson, secretary; Glen Smith, treasurer. Ed G. Clark was re-engaged as band master for the ensuing year.

The Danish Young People's fair will be held Saturday, March 6th, at Danebod hall. There will be all kinds of dainty and useful articles, and everyone is cordially invited to attend. This is given to help defray the expense of the new gymnasium.

Genevieve Elna, the little infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jensen, age two months, passed away last Thursday, after a very brief illness. The funeral was held at 2:00 o'clock Friday from the home and the little body laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery.

Mrs. Fred Hennessey died at her home in Michelson Friday, Feb. 19th, and was buried from the school house in Maple Forest Sunday in the family lot, Rev. Terhune of Frederic officiating. They were residents of that township for many years and will be well remembered. The deceased, who was 26 years of age, was the daughter of Silas Boddy, and was born in Maple Forest township.

It is possible for school and public libraries to secure the thirty-six volumes of the Michigan Historical Commission's publications without cost and I will be glad to receive applications for these splendid books from any libraries which do not now have them, or for any volumes that may be needed to complete any particular set which libraries at present possess. I trust this opportunity will not be overlooked for these books are extremely valuable. H. W. Whiteley, Representative Lansing, Mich.

The Macabees ladies gave a very enjoyable party at the lodge rooms last Saturday evening. Each member invited a guest and altogether there were a large number present. Progressive pedro was the order of entertainment and six prizes were given. William McNeven and Mrs. Fred Belmont won first prizes; Edward Lentz and Miss Mabel Brastie second prizes, and Mrs. A. J. Joseph and Lester McManu won consolations. After cards a splendid luncheon was served, which ended a very pleasant evening that will long be remembered by those present.

Tonight will be held the village caucus at the court house. The following terms of office will expire: T. W. Hanson, president; T. P. Peterson, clerk; Holger Hanson, treasurer; J. W. Sorenson, assessor; H. Petersen, A. Taylor and John H. Cook, trustees. Chas. A. Canfield, Luther Herriek and Waldemar Jorgenson were elected last year and their terms of office will extend another year. We believe that the present officials have given the best of satisfaction to the people at large and no doubt all, or nearly all, whose offices expire, will be returned, provided they are willing to accept. They have worked together with a spirit of co-operation that has accomplished things, and this makes the best kind of an administration.

A quiet marriage was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Sorenson last Thursday, when Miss Jennie Anderson and Mr. Herluf Sorenson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sorenson, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. Kjolhede officiated at the ceremony which took place at exactly 8:00 o'clock. Miss Elsie Erickson acted as bridesmaid and Alfred Hanson as groomsmen. The bride was beautifully gowned in yellow chiffon over white satin and wore a corsage bouquet of yellow roses, while the bridesmaid wore delicate pink silk and white overlace with a bouquet of pink roses. Immediately following the ceremony a delicious two course luncheon was served by Miss Anna Nelson, a friend of the bride. Only a few relatives were present. Miss Anderson is assistant bookkeeper at the bank of Grayling, which position she has held for about five years. She came here from Cadillac, where her parents reside and has made many warm friends. Mr. Sorenson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Sorenson, has spent his entire life in Grayling and is known as a hustling young business man, has a most excellent standing in the community for integrity and manliness. He is manager of the Olaf Sorenson & Sons' cigar store. The couple left Friday morning on a wedding trip to Cadillac, the home of the bride's parents. They returned Tuesday of this week and will make their home with the groom's parents. Their many friends extend hearty congratulations and wishes for a happy married life.

J. W. Overton was in Cheboygan on business Tuesday.

A. A. Ellsworth has been re-engaged as superintendent of our school for next year.

Mrs. Fred Chalker of Waters spent a few days here this week visiting her sister, Mrs. John Scott.

Peter Achil has been discharged from Mercy hospital and is at the home of his son, Fred.

A. M. Lewis was called to Brown City last night to attend the funeral of the infant child of his brother.

Mrs. J. Hohenmeyer left this morning for Detroit to purchase millinery goods for the coming spring season.

Don't miss the fair to be given by the Danish Young People's society Saturday, March 6th, at Danebod hall.

Miss Edith McPhee returned to her home in Newberry Saturday after a week spent among Grayling friends.

Tax payers are hereby notified that the tax rolls for the township of Grayling are in the hands of the treasurer at the Bank of Grayling, ready for the collection of taxes. 12-3-11.

The annual meeting for the nomination of officers of the Loyal Order of Moose, will be held next Monday evening. Members are requested to be present.

There is contemplated a basket ball game in the near future to be played between members of the Uniform Rank K. of P. Henry Joseph is engineering the affair.

Notice. If it is first class work in painting, decorating or paper hanging let Conrad Sorenson do your work. All work guaranteed. Artistic wall paper for sale; all latest effects. tf.

Harold Skingley of Beaver Creek has launched out into the automobile tire repairing business and has equipped a modern workshop and will do all kinds of work. He will specialize in vulcanizing and re-treading.

Miss Ruby Olson most delightfully entertained a number of her little friends Monday afternoon and evening at her home in honor of her birthday anniversary. About fourteen of her little friends were present and all entered enthusiastically into the joys of the occasion. The young people found their places at the banquet table by hatchet place cards. Miniature log houses were given out as favors. The time was pleasantly spent in playing games, Virginia Bingham winning first prize and Eleanor Streeter second prize. Miss Ruby was the recipient of many nice gifts in honor of the occasion, and the best wishes of her friends for many more birthdays.

M. E. Church Notes.

Services for divine worship are held in the M. E. church every Sabbath day in the morning at 10:30, evening at 7 o'clock.

Come and join your spirit with others of God's people on Sunday next and get an inspiration to help you along life's rough way. We shall be glad to see you.

Sunday school is held from 11:45 o'clock. Epworth League meeting commences at 6 o'clock.

The "poverty social" held last week was a big success. Refreshments were served and a good program of song, reading and pianoforte solos was rendered.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and assistance during the illness and death of our darling babe, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

ELY P. JENSON,
MRS. N. JENSON,
JOHN SPOOR,
MRS. J. SPOOR.

Has Used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for 20 Years.

"Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been used in my household for the past twenty years. I began giving it to my children when they were small. As a quick relief for croup, whooping cough, and ordinary colds, it has no equal. Being free from opium and other harmful drugs, I never felt afraid to give it to the children. I have recommended it to a large number of friends and neighbors, who have used it and speak highly of it," writes Mrs. Mary Minke, Shortsville, N. Y. Obtainable everywhere. Adv.

For Sale.

80 acres unimproved land two miles northeast of Grayling, the foundation for a first class farm. Can be bought on easy terms for part, for \$800.00.

40 acres, one-half mile from the village; 7 acres in pasture; entire 40 fenced. About ten acres low land, balance good farming land; sawing timber removed. Price \$600.00.

10 acres improved land, all fenced, nearly opposite T-town; one mile north of village; just right to be divided into large village lots for workmen in the mills and yards. Can be bought for \$200.00.

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Constipation.

When constive or troubled with constipation take Chamberlain's Tablets. They are easy to take and most agreeable in effect. Obtainable everywhere. Adv.

A Feed and Nerve Tonic is frequently required by old age. We always recommend

Small's Olive Oil

We Are Giving With Every Cash Sale

a ticket on a beautiful \$2.50 Rug, size 2 1-2 x 5 feet. When your purchases amount to \$2 you get a Rug for 99c. Tickets are good from Feb. 6th to March 6th. See window display.

The new spring Wash Goods are arriving—Ginghams, Percals, Prints, Voilles, Crepes and everything new in wash materials are here.

We just received some new Spring Dress Goods. The new colors in Silk Poppins, French Berges and Messalines.

The advance spring line of Men's Shoes are now here. Every new style and a big assortment to select from at \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4, and up to \$5

Grayling Mercantile Co.

"The Quality Store"

A Talk About Groceries

It's easy enough to claim that this grocery store is the best within your reach. Claiming so doesn't make it so. But as a matter of fact we not only claim it, but we back up our claim with the facts.

We are receiving Fresh Groceries every day, and we are buying only Reliable Groceries that will appeal to your discriminating taste. You will always get full weight and first-class grades at this store.

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Large, White, Lovely Cookers

Peck.....12 1/2 c Bushel.....45c
Five bushels.....\$1.98

Saturday, February 27th, Only

Lettuce, lb.....20c	Dill Pickles, large, 2 for 5c
Gr. Onions, bunch.....5c	Honey, per cake.....20c
Tomatoes, lb.....15c	Cheese, per cut.....22c
Celery, U. S.....7c	Sauer Krant, lb.....5c
Grape Fruit, 5 for.....30c	Lorna Doone Cookies, doz 7c
Apples, pk.....30c	Olive Oil, half pint.....25c

Naval Oranges, dozen 15c

M. Simpson Est.

The Sanitary Store

MEAT CLOGS KIDNEYS THEN YOUR BACK HURTS

Take a Glass of Salts to Flush Kidneys If Bladder Bothers You—Drink Lots of Water.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which clogs the kidneys, they become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, stop eating meat and get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate the kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.—Adv.

A Mild Hint.

"Can you understand why I can't get a job? I've been very patient and persistent."

"You don't go about it right," replied Farmer Corbousel. "When you want a job you ought to ask somebody besides your senator to get it for you."

GRANDMA USED SAGE TEA TO DARKEN HER GRAY HAIR

She Made Up a Mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur to Bring Back Color, Gloss, Thickness.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking at any store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," you will get a large bottle of the famous old recipe for about 50 cents.

Don't stay gray! Try it! No one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time, by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy.—Adv.

Changed Views.

"Time makes a big difference."

"What are you thinking of?"

"My wife's father. I used to think him a stubborn old fool. Now I respect his judgment."

"What's happened?"

"Nothing, only he did his darndest to prevent my eloping with his daughter."—Detroit Free Press.

Important to Mothers
Examine carefully every bottle of **CASTORIA**, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the **Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co.** In Use For Over 30 Years. **Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria.**

The Reason.

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Nell—Sure. Her "rats" are too large.

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When is a balloon like good bread? When it rises.

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The most common cancer of the skin is the basal cell carcinoma. It is a slow-growing tumor that can be cured by the use of the **W. N. U. DETROIT, NO. 8-1914**.

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Offers Prompt and Positive Relief in Every Case. Sold by Druggists. Price 50c. Trial Package by Mail 10c.

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For the treatment of all forms of distemper in horses. It is a powerful and reliable remedy that can be used in all cases of distemper. Price 50c. Trial Package by Mail 10c.

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LETTER FROM STATE CAPITOL

RAILROAD TAXES TO SHOW DECREASE IN SPITE OF LARGER VALUATION.

FERRIS TO COMPEL ECONOMY

Governor States That Appropriations Asked for Must Be Cut Down—Backing of Committee.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]

Lansing—Although the railroads of the state are valued at \$5,178,000 more than last year according to the final assessment just completed by the state tax commission, the railroad taxes will show a decrease of \$587,344.29 this year. The 1913 valuation of all railroad property in the state was \$214,306,500, while the valuation this year has been advanced to \$219,484,500. While the total railroad tax in 1913 was \$4,620,134.39, the 1914 tax has dropped to \$4,032,790.18.

The total assessed valuation of all the public service corporations assessed on an ad valorem basis under the new rate is \$249,288,900, an increase of \$6,059,500 over last year. The total tax to be paid this year by these companies, which goes to swell the primary school fund is \$4,560,413.68, which is \$693,256.18 less than the amount the big corporations of the state were compelled to pay last year.

Next to the railroad companies which pay \$4,032,790.18 under the final assessment, the next largest taxpayers are the telephone and telegraph companies. This class of corporate property is taxed \$490,041.56. The sleeping car companies will pay \$12,861.74, express companies \$23,169.60 and car loaning companies \$21,550.58.

The assessment of the various classes of property as fixed by the state tax commission stands as follows: railroads \$219,484,500; sleeping car companies \$700,000; express companies \$1,261,000; car loaning companies \$1,172,900 and telephone and telegraph companies \$26,670,500.

Since the tentative assessments were announced January 15, the state tax commission has been sitting as a board of review and the companies who felt that they had not been properly assessed have had an opportunity to send representatives to Lansing and set forth their claims. As the result of these hearings a few changes which resulted in cutting off about \$50,000 from the tentative roll have been made.

No change was made in the assessment of the Ann Arbor railroad which stands at \$7,400,000 as shown in the tentative roll. The tentative assessment of the Chicago & Northwestern was placed at \$14,000,000 and this has been reduced to \$13,750,000.

The Pere Marquette which was assessed at \$25,650,000 in the tentative report has been cut to \$25,350,000. The commission cut off \$300,000 by reason of the fact that the South Haven branch of the Pere Marquette system has been leased to another company. No change has been made in the assessment of the Grand Rapids & Indiana which remains at \$10,600,000. The assessment of the Grand Trunk has been reduced from \$28,600,000 as shown in the tentative roll to \$28,415,000. The Michigan Central has been cut from \$61,600,000 to \$59,725,000. A reduction was made in the assessment of the Lake Shore property from \$19,225,000 to \$18,800,000.

No change is made in the assessment of the Citizens' Telephone company of Grand Rapids which remains at \$2,750,000, but the Michigan State Telephone company was reduced from \$17,500,000 to \$17,000,000. The assessment of the Western Union Telephone company remains at \$1,775,000 the same as in the tentative roll.

Governor Woodbridge N. Ferris has decreed that the total appropriations for the present session shall be less than the aggregate of two years ago, or between thirteen and fourteen millions at an outside estimate. This is no arbitrary stand on the part of the chief executive regardless of the finance committees of the two houses. In making this ruling, he also expresses the decision of the two committees.

Chairman D. H. Hinkley of the house ways and means committee is authority for the statement that politics shall not enter into the matter of appropriations and both he and Senator George Scott of the finance and appropriations committee of the senate are determined that the eventual total of nearly \$21,000,000 to be asked for shall be cut to or approximately \$19,000,000. Both house and senate committees have consulted with the governor and cheerfully acquiesced to his suggestion that they meet together and go over the appropriations applied for in detail. Already the chief executive and chairman of the house committee have discussed certain appropriation proposals with an eye to eliminating them and this informal talk has resulted in establishing a communion of ideas in support of a flat cut of nearly \$3,000,000 from the total of appropriations already asked for.

"I was simply staggered by the revelation made me by Representative Hinkley," said Governor Ferris. "I was entirely unprepared for an aggregate of better than \$19,000,000 in a Lansing—Automobiles will become 'water wagons' as far as their drivers are concerned if a bill introduced in the house Thursday becomes a law. The bill, introduced by Representative George W. Miller, of Greenville, prohibits the driving of motor vehicles by persons under the influence of liquor.

And to set at rest the debatable matter as to when a person is under the influence of liquor, the bill provides that the taking of a drink of any intoxicant just before driving or while driving shall be accepted as prima facie evidence that the person taking it is under the influence of liquor.

The maximum penalty set by the proposed law is one year in prison or a fine of \$250 or both, in the discretion of the court.

In the bill of Representative Hoffman of Sanilac introduced in the house Wednesday afternoon the first legislative echo from the recent Republican state convention founded the attention of the house and senate. Mr. Hoffman's bill simply provides that all elective state officers shall be nominated by direct primary.

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Under the figures completed by the ways and means committee covering all appropriations so far asked, the total is \$19,223,294.93. This is almost a million in excess of the total asked two years ago. And there is yet the big public domain commission appropriation to be asked for and several other large and small appropriations that will add approximately \$2,000,000 to the total. It is estimated by the committee that the aggregate of appropriations asked for the entire session will be in the neighborhood of \$21,000,000. If the committees and the governor succeed in paring this to less than \$14,000,000 they will be called upon to knock off just about one-third of appropriations sought. They are confident this can be done without crippling any state department or institution.

List of applications for state money that by no means represents the total for the session. The figure is absurd. It must be cut and I am more than gratified by the friendly spirit of co-operation exhibited by the house and senate committees on finance. Between us this total will be reduced. I must be cut to less than the aggregate of two years ago. We are all agreed on that and all prepared to do our part."

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There are twenty-one individual appropriations that are fixed by statute and these will not be cut. Considering the exigencies of the occasion they probably will not be increased. One or two are fixed and cannot be changed. Among the biggest of these appropriations are:

The university, \$2,100,000; the state hospital, \$2,517,694.73; Agricultural college, \$560,000; Michigan National guard, \$337,220.76; prisons current expense, \$300,000; compensation for legislative members, \$105,000; Industrial Accident board, \$80,000; Army fund, \$60,000; Naval Brigade, \$55,000; State Normal schools, \$200,000; Dairy and Food department, \$70,000; Department of labor, \$80,000.

The total of the other appropriations asked for, most of which will be subject to some change is \$9,869,468.55.

Lansing—Senator Charles W. Foster's bill making an appropriation of \$750,000 for the construction of a state office building on one of the vacant blocks owned by the state was reported out with a favorable recommendation by the senate committee on public buildings Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday morning the bill was referred to the senate committee on finance and appropriations and was cut to \$500,000 after which the committee reported it out with the recommendation that it be passed.

Representative Charles Flowers has a bill in the house providing for an addition to the capitol and in this respect only does it differ from the bill introduced by the Lansing senator. There seems to be more sentiment in favor of a separate office building than a capitol addition.

Senator Foster will make a great fight for the passage of his bill in the senate and his personal popularity will be a big asset as some of the senators who are not particularly interested will vote for the Foster bill in preference to another measure.

For several days Senator Foster has been busy gathering data showing the amount expended by the state for rental of offices outside the capitol and the yearly expenditure is close to \$15,000.

At a meeting of the senate committee on religious and benevolent societies Wednesday morning Senator Damon's bill providing that the bible be read at least once a day in the public schools of the state was reported out without recommendation.

Senator Covert of Pontiac offered an amendment to the highway law which would place county road building on practically the same plan as city paving. Whenever the property owners along a certain highway want a road built, under the provisions of the Covert bill they will petition the county road commission. Objections against the construction or improvement of a highway would be made to the road commissioners and if a sufficient number of property owners favored the plan the work would be done and the cost assessed against the abutting property owners and the remainder of the county.

Chairman A. H. Gansser of the senate committee on the Coldwater public school in a report filed with the senate declared that crippled children of sound mind who are able to acquire an education that will eventually make them self supporting should be sent to the Coldwater school, and that the state should establish a hospital near the University of Michigan or the Detroit School of Medicine for crippled dependents who require a personal attendant and the attention of medical experts.

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Put a fresh egg in a teacup, pour boiling water over it, cover with a saucer and let stand five minutes. This prevents the coagulation of the white and is very delicate.

ICED COFFEE OR CHOCOLATE

Ideal Beverages to Be Served at Card Party or Other Informal Entertainment.

To serve between games at a card party, try iced coffee or chocolate. For the coffee, make enough of what is known as clear black after-dinner coffee to fill at least two wine or sherbet glasses for each guest. Sweeten this while it is hot and set aside to cool. Then pour it into a large bottle or pitcher and set in a pall or deep kettle, packing ice around it. When ready to serve pour into glasses three-quarters full and heap on top either sweetened and whipped cream, or a tablespoonful of ice cream.

Iced Chocolate.—Melt two squares of chocolate in a double boiler and add a cupful of granulated sugar and a cupful of water. Let this mixture cook from the fire, add a teaspoonful of vanilla and set away to chill in a pitcher. When ready to serve fill all a large mixing glass with chopped ice, add two tablespoonfuls of the chocolate sirup, fill up the glass with good sweet milk, cover with a shaker and shake thoroughly, strain into glasses and put whipped cream on top of each. Do not mix more than a large glass of this at a time. It will make three small glasses. This method is much better than boiling the chocolate and milk and then chilling, which usually forms a sediment.

WOVEN TABLE MATS POPULAR

For Use Under Hot Dishes Nothing More Satisfactory Has Ever Been Put on Market.

Nothing has ever been found more satisfactory to put under hot dishes than the old-fashioned woven table mats, and of late there has been quite a revival in their favor, especially as it does not require any great amount of ingenuity to learn how to manipulate the frames upon which they are woven.

These frames come in a box containing several sizes, so that a set for meat dishes and several sizes in vegetable dishes may be made.

After being woven on the frame crosswise, the points where the crossed threads pass each other are caught and knotted with either white or light-colored twine. In cutting the finished mat off from the frame, a fringed edge is formed and the mat not only launders well, but literally lasts forever. The writer has a set of these mats made quite ten years ago by a deft old lady. These have been in constant use, some of them washed each week and they have scarcely yet begun to show signs of wear.—Exchange.

Creamed Apple Tart.

Line a small, deep pudding dish with a rich pastry, peel and slice in carefully one and one-half pints of tart apples, with just a dust of nutmeg, three-fourths cupful brown sugar and grated rind and juice of one-half lemon. Cover with crust and bake until done. Lift the crust and pour in pint of rich boiled custard. Replace crust and serve cold. This is a very old-fashioned Dutch dish and is delicious. Whipped cream is very nice in place of the custard, but if cream is used heat it up high and do not replace the upper crust.

Celery Fritters.

Beat one egg until very light; add one-half cupful of sweet milk, two teaspoonfuls of butter, one teaspoonful of salt and enough flour to make almost a drop batter. Beat it thoroughly and let it stand an hour or more to swell the flour. Beat again before using. Cut the celery into inch pieces and cook in boiling water (salted) until tender. Drain and stir it into a fritter batter. Drop by spoonfuls into deep fat.

Beefsteak Pie (English).

Cut two pounds of round steak into strips, roll in flour and arrange in a deep dish with three lamb's kidneys, which have been cut up and parboiled, one dozen oysters, one onion minced fine, parsley, dried thyme. Dot generously with bits of butter, and add two cupfuls hot water. Cover with a biscuit crust of cranged in strips. Brush with yolk of egg and bake two hours in a moderate oven.

Soup Meats, Horseradish Sauce.

Boil a piece of tender beef. The sauce: Melt some butter in a saucepan, stir in some flour and add some of the broth you boiled the meat in. Then add about one cupful of grated horseradish root, season with salt and sugar and at last a little milk. Have the sauce quite thick. Boiled potatoes and string beans are very nice with it.

Grape Juice Whip.

Whip the whites of eggs, one for each person, stiff and add half a tablespoonful of sugar and two teaspoonfuls of grape juice to each white. Beat all until stiff. Into each sherbet glass put two or three tablespoonfuls of grape juice, and on this pile the egg white. Top each glass with a teaspoonful of whipped cream.

Coffee Mold.

Scald one pint of milk, dissolve two heaping tablespoonfuls constrict (1 prefer flour) in a little cold milk or water, add two tablespoonfuls sugar, pinch of salt, one-half cupful strong fresh coffee. Stir this into the scalded milk and cook until it thickens. Turn into a mold and set it aside to cool. Serve with cream and sugar.

Yum Yum Pudding.

One cupful of cooked cereal, one-half cupful of molasses, one-half cupful of milk, one-half cupful of seeded raisins, two well-beaten eggs, one-half teaspoonful of powdered cinnamon. Mix all the ingredients together in a basin until perfectly smooth. Pour into a buttered pudding dish and bake for 40 minutes.

Boiling an Egg Soft.

Put a fresh egg in a teacup, pour boiling water over it, cover with a saucer and let stand five minutes. This prevents the coagulation of the white and is very delicate.

Winter Chills Bring Kidney Ills

A spell of cold, damp weather is always followed by a fine crop of kidney troubles and backaches.

Colds and chills damage the kidneys. Other troubles common to winter weather are just as bad. Grip, tonsillitis, quins, pneumonia or any other infectious disease hurts the kidneys by overloading the blood with poisons. The kidneys get worn, weak and inflamed trying to work it off.

It isn't hard to strengthen weak kidneys though, if you act quickly. At the first sign of backache, dizzy spells, headache, loss of weight, nervousness, depression and painful, irregular kidney action, start using Doan's Kidney Pills. Rest the kidneys by simple eating, avoidance of overwork and worry, and getting more rest and sleep. A milk diet is fine.

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"What in the world has happened, Uncle Rastus?" solicitously asked one of the party. "Have you broken your bottle of gin?"

"Yes, sah, boss! Yes, sah!" was the mournful reply of Uncle Rastus, as he pointed to the broken bottle. "Dar' Easth come an' gone."

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For some time the six-year-old boy of a Philadelphia man, the third in the family, had found it his duty to sit the family ashes, as his brother did before him. One morning the Kiddle was told that a baby had arrived, whereat the youngster looked very much pleased.

"And," continued the father, as he observed the pleased expression of his son's countenance, "it's a nice little girl."

The boy's smile vanished instantly. "A girl!" he exclaimed, disgusted. "Must I always sit ashore?"

Safety First.

In a certain village down South there was a physician noted for his reckless automobile driving. One day when he answered the telephone, a woman's voice asked him if he were going out driving that afternoon. "No; I hardly think I will have time this afternoon," replied the doctor. "But why do you ask?"

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"Is that a joke?"
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"How do you know?"
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Many School Children Are Sickly.

Children who are delicate, feverish

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By John Fleming Wilson

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CHAPTER XIII.

The Second Story Man.

JEAN DARNELL peered back and forth in the miserable room where Harry Wilkerson had lodged her and her maid pending the outcome of his wild plotting to get possession of Ruth Gallon's precious papers. Her handsome and cruel face was clouded with slow wrath, and she clutched her hands now and again till the knuckles were white.

For one thing, Mrs. Darnell loved the plush of life. Physical luxury was her highest wish, the goal of her loftiest ambition, the one price she had set on her soul. The dull surroundings she had been forced to accept nauseated her. She hated Wilkerson for making her uncomfortable.

So when he came in, walking very slowly and quietly, she turned on him like a wildcat.

"Take me out of here!" she panted. "I won't stay here another hour. Ruth or no Ruth!"

Wilkerson flinched. "I'm sorry," he

rasped, "but Drake made a mess of the whole affair, the police are after Sling Wah and that girl got away."

Mrs. Darnell stopped in her almost hysterical walk about the room and stared at Wilkerson with burning eyes. He returned her look defiantly. "I'd never had to do all this if you had done your part long ago and got the papers when she was in your charge," he said. "But there is no use in crying over what can't be helped."

At this moment Drake entered, presenting himself sullenly. He had already received Wilkerson's acrid compliments on his astuteness in failure, and he expected nothing less from Mrs. Darnell. He was ready to quit the conspiracy.

Jean's quick instinct did not fail her, and she instantly smiled on Drake and murmured: "You poor boy! Now tell me all about it!"

When he had finished his relation of the morning's experiences, with much emphasis on the shooting and his narrow escape from Sling Wah's den, she looked at him thoughtfully.

"It was a madman's scheme," she said. She turned to Wilkerson. "Harry, you used to do things better. Use your wits! This isn't the desert. Force won't avail and time is getting short. We must have those papers immediately and raise the money on them and get enough capital ahead to find the old plan to the mother lode of the 'Master Key' mine. Use your wits!"

For a long moment the three of them stood in silence. Then Wilkerson smiled sardonically.

"All right, Jean; I think I understand you. I'll see what I can do today. First I must find out a few things. Drake and I will go together."

"Thanks," said the young man drily. "I have a notion that I'm about fed up with your plans and plots."

Before Wilkerson could respond with the bitter reproaches ready on his lips, Mrs. Darnell interposed, curbing her own unruly temper.

"George," she said, looking at him with suddenly soft eyes, "I know just how you feel. But it means everything to me—to all of us. I have trusted you so, and if you fail me now!" She threw out her arms in a gesture of pleading. "Then she came closer to him

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"I shall dream of that horrible Chinese man," she murmured, shuddering.

"Don't let that worry you," he said comfortingly. "I have a room right near yours, and if you want help I'll be there."

She thanked him, and together they entered the elevator and were lifted to their floor. In the hallway Ruth gravely shook hands and said "Good night."

John tried to hold her little hand longer than was useful, but she shook her head and slipped away to her own room, just down a short hall.

He watched her open the door and turned to his own room when a thought struck him, and he called gently, "Ruth!"

"She came back quietly," "I'm so glad you called me," she said, with evident nervousness. "After all, it's ridiculous, early to go to bed. Let's go for a ride some more."

They went out through Golden Gate park and after a brief stop on the bright beach came back into town by way of the Presidio.

Ruth was now quieted, and as they got out at the hotel she sighed happily.

"That was beautiful, John," she said. At the desk the clerk handed John a note addressed in a crabbed hand. He tore it open, glanced at the contents and turned to Ruth.

"Old Tom Kane got here tonight!" he exclaimed. "He came while we were out and left this note for me."

Ruth's face lit up wonderfully. "Where is he? Where is he?" she demanded. "I want to see him."

At her door he left her with a hasty "I'll be right in as soon as Tom comes, Ruth."

"All right," she called back, and opened her door as he opened his own. She paused on the threshold at the sight within. A tall man in a light mask was delving into the desk and rummaging among her papers and belongings. At the sight of her he quickly thrust a bundle of papers into his pocket and slipped toward the open window. Then Ruth understood and screamed for help.

John Dor heard that call and in three bounds was in her room. She pointed to the open window, gasping: "That way! The thief! He stole the deeds!"

Without a word Dor leaped to the window. It opened on a fire escape. He peered down. No one. He looked up. A slight figure was mounting quickly and silently toward the roof.

Within another instant John had swung himself out on the ladder and was climbing rapidly after the unknown housebreaker. He paid no attention to Ruth's agonized cry after him: "John! John! Don't go after him! He'll hurt you!"

Helplessly she peered out of the window and saw the two figures going swiftly up toward the crest of the building. The seconds seemed hours as she watched. Then she saw John stumble and catch himself. That decided her. She picked up her skirts and stepped out on the platform herself. Then she gingerly swung herself out on the iron ladder and commenced to climb upward. She saw the thief reach the cornice and crawl over it. Then John. She struggled on up sobbingly, brushing her tender hands on the rusty rods. Once or twice she stopped and called: "John! John!"

There was no answer.

Then she realized that there was another on the ladder below her. She nearly lost her grip and fell. Surely it must be some accomplice of the thief! She hastened her way up the ladder, not daring to look down again.

At last she gained the cornice, where the ladder bent suddenly outward and she must perform almost hang suspended by her hands. But she managed to surmount this difficulty and stumbled forward on the roof of the hotel.

At first glance she saw no one. The roof was huge, broken here and there by skylights and chimneys and air shafts. The shadows cast by the moon lay dark and strange across the tarry gravel.

"John, John!" she called softly. Then again, in terror, she cried shrilly: "John! Oh, John!"

At that moment the figure of the masked man slipped from behind one of the chimneys and made for the fire escape. She realized that he was escaping. Where was John? She waved again. Could he be killed? She cried again, "John!"

She stood directly in the way of the man making for the ladder, and he paused at the sight of that eerie figure. The hesitation was fatal to his purpose. Dor darted across the roof and grasped for him. With a swift turn the thief leaped over a skylight and commenced to run hither and thither, trying to evade John, who was not to be put off now that he had full sight of his quarry.

Ruth watched the chase with hands tensely clasped over her bosom. She could not stir from her position in the full moonlight, near the edge of the roof, nor did she move when Dor finally caught his man and tripped him.

They fell together on the roof and rolled over and over, each trying to balk the other of a good hold. The fighting was furious, for Pell, still under the spell of drugs, was possessed of tremendous strength which even Dor's hard muscles could not overcome.

Suddenly Ruth heard a familiar voice behind her saying, "I'll be damned if it ain't a fight!" She did not turn. Her eyes were fixed on the two writhing men.

Suddenly Pell started to roll over toward the edge of the roof, dragging John after him. This new danger appalled the girl. She watched with fascinated eyes.

John Dor was well out of breath by this time and knew his man. It was a desperate struggle, for the thief was fighting for his freedom and possibly his life. So Dor settled down to hold him until his wild strength ebbed and he could handle him.

Henry Pell, on the other hand, knew precisely his plight and saw with exactness what would happen to him unless he escaped the huge arms that tied him down. Like all men of his class, he was averse to carrying weapons. Tonight he cursed himself for being unarmed. One shot, the fire escape and away! That being impossible, he

planned another mode of getting away. In possession of it, he gradually worked himself nearer and nearer to the escape ladder. If he could once get his hands on those iron rails and swing himself over, his assailant must inevitably either let go or drop over Pell knew the steel strength of his own arms, practiced for years in just such tricks.

But the presence of a second man right in front of the ladder, as he perceived through his blurred eyes, rendered that hope out of the question. In desperate fury he kicked Dor violently, tore one arm loose and drove his bony fist like a bullet into John's throat.

This forced Dor for the moment to let him go. Pell rushed swiftly toward the ladder. He was halted by the sight of a perfectly level gun held in the hand of a man who evidently knew how to use it. He darted back, and John caught him again, this time with a well directed blow that felled him. A second later the thief was helpless, lying almost at the very edge of the roof. He was trapped and he knew it. There was but one thing to do, get rid of the evidence that he had been thieving. With a flit of his elbow, he managed to send the bundle of papers which had fallen out of his pocket over the coping and into the air. Then he choked up to Dor.

"Are you mad?"

"Mad?" panted Dor, letting his hold relax. At this moment Ruth came out of her stupor and ran up to them, followed up by an old man, who had also come up the fire escape. Ruth cried out, "John!" then "Are you hurt, John?"

"Ruth!" he gasped. Then his eyes lit on the form behind her and he shouted, "Tom Kane!"

By this time the tumult had attracted attention in the hotel and a half dozen employees and the house detective emerged from the stairway to demand an explanation.

John started to explain, loosening his hold on the prostrate thief, when the latter with a quick twist of his lithe body freed himself and darted away. Dor sped after him instantly.

The chase was a short one. John caught him near the edge of the roof, tackled him low, and they crashed down together. The thief put up a furious fight, managing to get on his feet again in spite of his captor's efforts to hold him till help came. Seeing that he was about to escape him, John made one last desperate grapple, caught him fairly and threw him heavily, but not upon the roof.

Unwittingly they had got to the very edge of the roof in their fight, and Pell was swung clean into the air, to fall swiftly to the street below.

"My God!" cried the detective, running up and peering over. "You have killed him!"

It took some time to make matters clear; still longer for the detective to assure himself of the truth of John's statements.

Meanwhile officers from the central station had arrived, called by the policeman on the beat. To them also Dor had to tell his story.

"Well, the fellow was a crook all right," conceded the sergeant. "For he had plenty of cocaine on him and a little Jimmy."

"It was an accident, my throwing him over the edge," John protested. "I was merely trying to prevent his escape."

Ruth was then interrogated, and after listening to her story the whole party went down to her room.

"We'd better see what he got, if anything," said the detective sergeant. "He may have taken other things," she faltered, "but all I saw was the papers."

"Well, we'll have a look-see for papers," responded the detective amiably.

When the officers had gone away Ruth turned and greeted the cook of the "Master Key" with unforgotten affection and delight.

"Tom, whatever brought you here?" she demanded at last.

Kane scratched his head and glanced hastily at John. Then he looked at Ruth, so fair in the moonlight, and said gently: "Why, Ruthie, I just thought I couldn't stay away from old San Francisco when I knew you were here. So I came right up."

"And the mine?"

"The mine? Why, ain't John told you? The boys are already working on that new lead. Everything is fine. You don't suppose old Tom Kane would have left if everything hadn't been all right?"

She impulsively threw her arms about his neck and hugged him.

"You are the best old dear that ever was, and I have a thousand things to tell you!"

"How did you get up here?" asked John curiously.

Kane laughed and looked at his rusty hands. "They told me Ruth was in her room, and when I got there I found the door open and the window open, and when I looked out I saw her climbing and heard her calling. So I just sauntered up myself."

"Well," said John, "as Ruth says she has a thousand things to tell you, and meanwhile we'd better be finding out just what that thief did get."

Half an hour later Ruth looked up at them with tears in her eyes.

"The papers are truly gone," she said quietly.